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U.S. sets killer gas deaths at 10,000

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 3 (R) — Chemical and toxin weapons used by Soviet and Vietnamese forces have killed almost 10,000 people in Afghanistan, Laos and Cambodia since 1975, a high-level U.S. official said Thursday.

Gary Crocker, senior military and political analyst at the State Department, told reporters at a briefing that he had amassed evidence showing chemical and toxin agents had been used in Laos since 1975 and in Afghanistan and Cambodia since 1979.

The United States estimated the minimum number of deaths caused through the chemical and toxin warfare at 6,000 in Laos, 3,000 in Afghanistan and 950 in Cambodia, he said.

The estimate was conservative since it was becoming more difficult to acquire information from Afghanistan and Southeast Asia about the alleged use of chemical and toxin weapons.

Referring to Afghanistan, he said: "The number of attacks we're aware of are fewer this year than in 1981 or 1980. We don't have access to the very remote areas where the gases are being used." He was speaking two days after U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz issued a report saying the United States had proof that Soviet troops were employing mycotoxins in Afghanistan.

Mycotoxins cause blurred vision, vomiting, blistering and rashes — symptoms which Crocker said Afghan and Southeast Asian refugees had described independently to U.S. officials in Pakistan and Thailand with striking similarity.

He said testimony from defectors from chemical warfare units in the Afghan and Soviet armies and analysis in American universities of blood and urine samples of refugees provided irrefutable support for the allegations of toxin attacks.

Arab, Soviet peace proposals identical

MOSCOW, Dec. 3 (AP) — Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov told King Hussein of Jordan Friday that Moscow would continue to support the Arab cause against Israel's aggression in the search for a 'just peace' in the Middle East. Tass, the official Soviet news agency, said Arab and Soviet views on bringing peace to the region were identical.

Andropov reaffirmed the 'invariable, principled course' of the Soviet Union in Middle East affairs during a Kremlin meeting with Hussein and visiting Arab foreign ministers, Tass said.

Andropov declared that Moscow "has always been and will be on the side of the right cause of the Arab peoples and their struggle against Israel's aggression, for freedom and independence, for a just peace in the Middle East," the agency said.

It was Hussein's second session with the 68-year-old Andropov since arriving in the Soviet capital Thursday night. Arab diplomats said King Hussein's delegation outlined for Soviet leaders the Arab leaders' Middle East peace plan adopted at a summit meeting last September in Fez, Morocco.

Tass said it was noted that the "principles of such a settlement" proposed by the Arabs "actually coincide" with the Soviet plan for a Middle East settlement put forth last Sept. 15 by the late Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev.

"At the same time the Soviet side stressed that U.S. proposals on the Middle East, put forward in September this year, aim to divide the Arab countries and to impose on them decisions serving only Israel and the U.S. particularly to prevent the establishment of an independent Palestinian state," Tass said.

Both sides "resolutely condemned Israel's aggression in Lebanon and reaffirmed their demand for an immediate pullout of Israeli troops from that country," the agency said.

In an exchange of opinion on "practical ways" to achieve a Middle East settlement, the Soviet side reiterated its proposal to convene a "special international conference" on the Middle East, with participation of all sides concerned, including the Palestinian Liberation Organization, Tass said.



ARAB-SOVIET PARLEYS: General Secretary of the Communist Party Yuri Andropov (4th right) with his advisers, and head of the Arab League delegation King Hussein of Jordan (4th left) flanked by Kingdon's Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal and Syria's Foreign Minister Abdul Hakim Khaddam. The two sides discussed Friday Middle East peace proposals in the Grand Kremlin Palace.

Both sides repeated a "mutual desire to deepen cooperation" between the Arab countries and the Soviet Union in efforts to achieve a lasting Middle East peace, the agency said.

"It was agreed to continue to keep in touch on questions of the Middle East settlement," the agency said, adding that the meeting was held in a "businesslike and friendly atmosphere."

Tass said Andropov was accompanied by Prime Minister Nikolai Tikhonov and Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

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Brazil trip fruitful--Reagan

BRASILIA, Dec. 3 (Agencies) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan has concluded the first leg of his Latin American tour here with hopes that the apparently improved relations between the United States and Brazil will favorably influence Washington's relations with South American nations as a whole.

"Our two countries," he said after his final meeting with Brazilian President Joao Figueiredo, "are embarked on a path of friendship and cooperation that is going to be beneficial to all of us in the Western hemisphere."

And Secretary of State George Shultz told newsmen accompanying President Reagan that in his conversations with Reagan, Gen. Figueiredo was much less critical of the U.S. role in Latin America than he had been in the past.

Bogota rocked

BOGOTA, Dec. 3 (R) — Three bombs exploded here Friday shortly before President Ronald Reagan was due to arrive on a five-hour visit to Colombia, police sources said. Left-wing extremists claimed responsibility.

Brasilia foils coup attempt

LONDON, Dec. 3 (AFP) — A Brazilian military coup was plotted to take place just two days before U.S. President Ronald Reagan's current visit started, the Guardian newspaper reported here Friday.

It said Brazilian military and governmental sources confirmed that a coup was foiled because some officers informed their superiors of the plot.

The Guardian said the president, General Joao Figueiredo, persuaded the armed force minister, Gen. Walter Pires, not to arrest the conspirators but to resort to more discrete punishment to avoid tarnishing Brazil's image at this time.

A Guardian dispatch from Sao Paulo stated that the plotters were among a group of officers who tried to stop the official count of votes recently in Rio de Janeiro state in a futile attempt to keep opposition leader Leonel Brizola from being elected governor in Brazil's first free elections in many years.

After he was elected, "the officers began to play with the idea of a coup to put an end to political liberalization."

'Big 2' talks ruled out

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (AP) — U.S. Vice President George Bush says it would be unwise to hold an early summit meeting with Yuri V. Andropov, the new Soviet leader, just "to see the color of his eyes" or "sign a piece of paper."

Bush told reporters Thursday any summit meeting between U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Andropov would have to be "carefully planned and carefully thought out to have a positive result."

According to another report the Soviet Union has expressed interest in U.S. President Ronald Reagan's proposal for what he has called "confidence-building" measures to reduce the risk of accidental nuclear war.

A U.S. official said Thursday night the expression of interest came at the strategic arms reduction talks in Geneva. Those talks resumed Wednesday until Feb. 2.

Meanwhile, the Soviet Union reacted swiftly and angrily Thursday to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's reaffirmation of plans to deploy new American missiles in Europe and to beef up conventional forces as well.

Pakistan a vital bastion, U.S. says

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (AFP) — Pakistan remains a "vital bastion" between the Soviet Union and strategic Western interests, U.S. officials commented Friday ahead of the first official visit of Pakistani head of state Muhammad Zia ul-Haq.

A top State Department official, who preferred to remain anonymous, said President Ronald Reagan attached considerable importance to strengthening the defense capability of Pakistan as a "front-line state" in the battle against Soviet expansionism.

General Zia will arrive Monday in Washington and meet President Reagan Tuesday morning. He will also have several meetings with senior officials.

17-member Spain cabinet sworn in

MADRID, Dec. 3 (R) — Spain's King Juan Carlos Friday swore in the new Socialist cabinet named by Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez.

Deputy Prime Minister Alfonso Guerra was the first to pledge loyalty to the king and the 1978 democratic constitution at the royal palace outside Madrid.

Then the ministers, all but one in their 30s and 40s, in turn took an oath. Gonzalez took the oath Thursday after winning a comfortable vote of confidence from the Congress (lower house of parliament) on a moderate program for Spain's first left-wing government in almost half a century.

The 17-member cabinet is expected to convene informally Saturday and hold its first official meeting Tuesday. The reopening of the border with the British colony of Gibraltar will probably be on the agenda of its initial session.

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New Saudi-U.S. venture offers in-plant training

By K.S. Ramakumar
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Dec. 3 — A Saudi-American joint venture has been established to train the skilled and unskilled Saudi Arabian and expatriates in management and systems.



James Carney

"We help you operate even more efficiently with your own manpower" is the slogan of the venture — Arabian American Training and Systems Co. (AATS).

The International Management Productivity Co. of Houston, Texas, with James Carney as president are the American partners while the local collaborator is the Misha'al Adham Corporation.

Carney told Arab News that the joint venture had been under formation for the last eight months and within two weeks he hoped to get the CR (commercial registry) number. He said the joint venture was the American company's second, the first formed in Indonesia and operating for the last three years.

"We completed a month long study in September for ARAMCO (Arabian American Oil Co.) in Dhahran and we have made a

proposal to them to cover the training needs of two large departments," Carney said adding he also had preliminary discussions with several Petromin plants.

Right now, Carney said, discussion is on with ARAMCO and Petromin for training 200 for their workforce, more than half of whom were Saudi Arabians.

"The training program is unique because both classroom and field training is done at the client's premises," he said.

Explaining the objectives of the venture, Carney said the new venture would offer management training and development, technical training, maintenance systems and interim technical services.

He said AATS, which offers a wide variety of technical and management consulting services in Arab-speaking countries, would train "front line" and second level management, involving foremen and supervisors, ("in fact, they need the training most as they handle man power") within their own work environment, be it refinery, chemical or natural gas liquefaction (NGL) plant.

Its technical training program covers process operators, maintenance planners and craftsmen (mechanics, machinists, pipefitters, welders, instrument men and electricians) in practical techniques to improve plant efficiency and solve problems quickly.

The maintenance systems training offered by the AATS is mostly computer-based and involves engineers. The new venture designs and installs maintenance work order systems in refineries, petrochemical, NGL and related plants. Master equipment and recommended spare parts lists are compiled to determine plant inventory and future needs.

Preventive maintenance work orders are "fed" into the plant's daily maintenance work order system to ensure smooth operation and efficiency. AATS also streamlines clerical systems, including work flow, staffing, forms and report design, organization and clerical training.

Vocational training expansion includes institutes, schools

JEDDAH, Dec. 3 (SPA) — The General Organization for Technical Education and Vocational Training is making preparations to expand its services to suit the Kingdom's economic development and requirements for skilled labor.

In this respect, an electronics institute will be established in Riyadh to graduate technicians in this field. In addition, a technical institute will be set up for secondary school graduates as well as three training centers in Riyadh, Jeddah and Dammam.

Earlier this year, two commercial schools were opened, one in Abha and the other in Tabouk, while four vocational training centers are due to be completely equipped within

12th Arab educational conference Dec. 21

ABU DHABI, Dec. 3 (SPA) — The 12th Conference of Arab Educational, Scientific and Cultural National Committees will open in Bahrain, starting Dec. 21.

The agenda includes several questions, such as ways of developing Afro-Arab cooperation and coordination with the Arab Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. During the conference nominees for membership of UNESCO and other Arab and International committees will be discussed.

the coming few months at four other towns. Moreover, the already existing 73 centers will be expanded to include new workshops.

The organization's Chairman Dr. Abdel-Wahab Attar explained that technical education covered three fields: industry, agriculture and commerce. He said about 17,000 specialists were engaged in technical education and vocational training. As to the number of graduates, these totaled over 34,000 during the last five years.

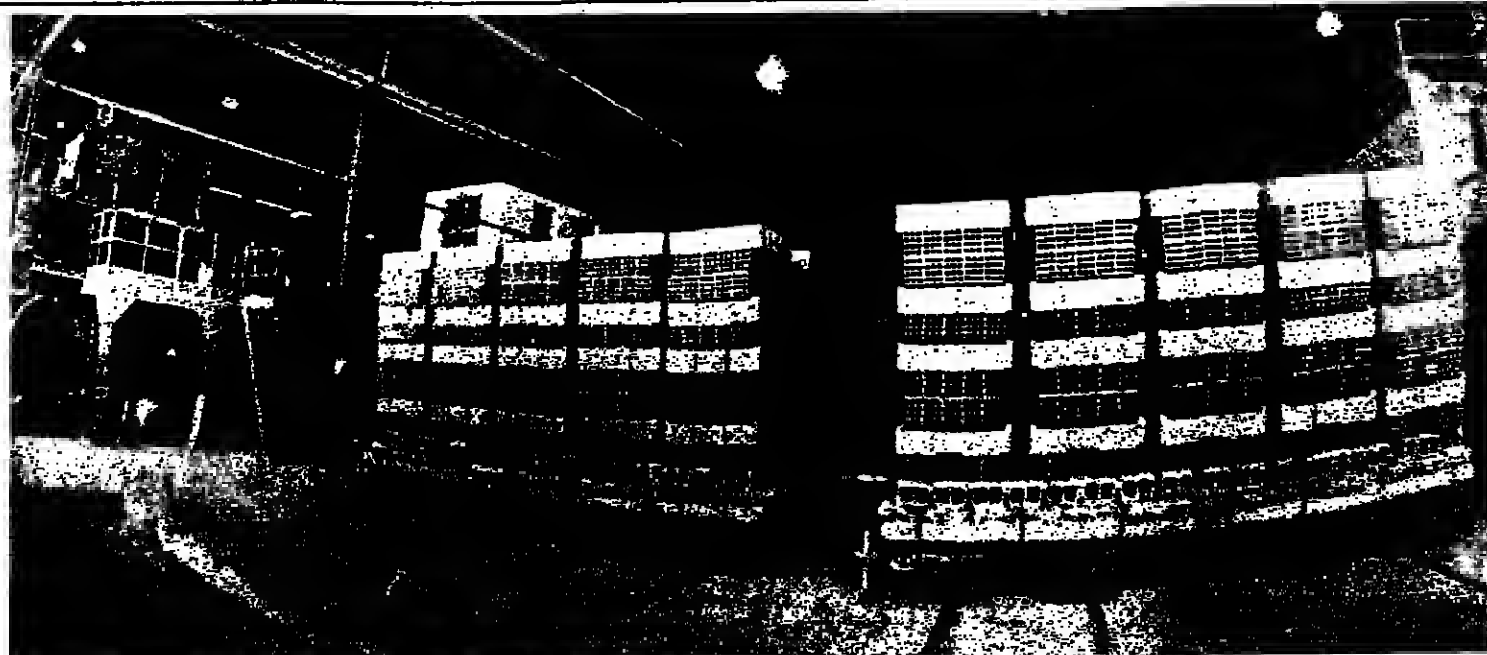
Hundreds of young men were joining these centers as the country was witnessing the biggest transformation in its history, Dr. Attar added.

There was an increase in enrollment amounting to 30 percent this year compared with the previous one, he noted.

Students receive between SR450 and SR800 a month as a bonus, in addition to travel expenses and living allowances.

Those wishing to embark on their own ventures after graduation are given a SR100,000 loan to be repaid in instalments. Distinguished students attached to commercial centers and with a secondary school certificate are given an opportunity to follow up their studies at the higher institutes.

Trainees at vocational centers are granted SR2,000 as a bonus after passing the course, in addition to SR1,000 in the event of obtaining high grades.



BRICK MANUFACTURING: Operations at the Al-Khayyat Red Brick Manufacturing Plant are being expanded from a capacity of 120,000 to 320,000 bricks per day.

Brick factory expansion to meet demand

By Ahmad K. Khawro
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Dec. 3 — To cope with increasing demand, the Al-Khayyat Red Brick Manufacturing Plant is being expanded from a capacity of 120,000 bricks per day to about 320,000 bricks per day with the factory operating in two shifts, according to factory owner Dr. Ahmad Taha Khayyat. The cost of the expansion plans will amount to SR116 million with half of the amount being loaned by the Saudi Industrial Development Fund (SIDF).

Dr. Khayyat told Arab News that traditionally hand-made, tile-shaped small and solid clay bricks have been the main building material in the three cities of Jeddah, Makkah and Madinah. Only in the last few years cement blocks have come to be widely used in buildings, as red bricks were not manufactured in sufficient quantities to supply the market.

For the proposed factory, about 76,000 cubic meters of clay a year will be required and it will be mined by the open pit method from Wadi Fatima, about 30 kilometers from the factory site. The other raw material requirements are about 7,600 tons per year of diesel fuel for the kiln dryer, electric power generators and rolling equipment and nearly 23,000 cubic meters of water a year.

The design and construction of the brick plant will be done by Morando Impianti of Italy on a contractual basis. The factory will be ready in about 12 months' time.

Dr. Khayyat said that his factory was first started in January 1977 with a production capacity of 55,000 bricks per day and other production lines were added to the plant enabling it to manufacture an additional 65,000 bricks per day. The factory works in two shifts because during the third shift workers engage in cleaning and maintenance of the plant which is necessary if it is to run smoothly.

The company offers several incentives to its salesmen thereby increasing its sales dramatically. One incentive is that the salesmen supply the red bricks in company pick-ups, but they are told that after supplying a certain number of bricks the vehicles will pass into their possession.

Some time ago the red bricks were sold at SR1.7 per piece but with the increase in supply, the cost has come down to SR1.1. Dr. Khayyat said that this market price of bricks is expected to remain constant for some time.

Hollow red bricks have several advantages over other comparative building materials such as light weight, thermal insulation properties and lower production cost. As the weight of a standard size red brick is only 7 kilograms, while a cement block weighs around 20 kilograms, it is much easier for laborers to use.

The new factory will be designed to produce hollow ceiling blocks and later on, the plant will be able to produce ransom blocks and pre-fabricated ceiling made by a combination of blocks and reinforced concrete beams.

In Riyadh through Dec. 8

Contemporary artists receive 'glowing praise'

By Omar Basaidi
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Dec. 3 — The on-going Exhibition of Contemporary Saudi Arabian Art at the General Presidency of Youth Welfare here has attracted Saudi Arabian artists from all over the Kingdom, many of the works of art on display have earned glowing praise.

The exhibition, which was opened by the President of the Youth Welfare Organization Prince Faisal bin Fahd a week ago, is the fifth one of its kind to be held by the organization and is scheduled to continue until Dec. 8.

In his message, contained in a glossy booklet published for the occasion, Prince Faisal said art is an endless search for the inner self, a search for the past and the present, and a search in nature.

The prince explained that the purpose of such exhibitions was to enable the Saudi Arabian artist to project his attitude towards the past, the present and the future; towards nature's beauty and towards what is going on in the awakening in which the Kingdom finds itself.

"The exhibition enables the Saudi artist to present his sincere thoughts and artistic experiences which are in keeping with his

Islamic thinking and which express the contemporary spirit through artistic work," concluded the prince.

On exhibit are all sorts of paintings in oils and in water colors: landscapes, seascapes, still-lives, portraits and others.

All the exhibits came under the scrutiny of art judges and the first prize of SR3000 went to Suleiman Baje' for his painting called "The Return from the Brook". The total sum allocated for prizes was SR110,000.

Asked about his impression of the exhibits in the hall, one visitor told Arab News "Saudi art has truly come of age."



RIYADH EXHIBITION: A number of contemporary Saudi Arabian artists are now exhibiting at the General Presidency of Youth Welfare. Shown here are the work of Sami Bustani, left, and Ali Al Ghamdi.

NSCSA ship dedication set

MALMO, Sweden, Dec. 3 (SPA) — The National Shipping Company of Saudi Arabia (NSCSA) will formally dedicate the world's largest ro-ro vessels, the *Saudi Alaha* and the *Saudi Diriyah*, during naming ceremonies here on Dec. 6.

Sailing the ro-ro (roll on-roll off) vessels from the Swedish shipyards, Kockums will mark a new era in the Saudi Arabian maritime industry as the jumbo fleet comes into service.

Each of the 38,500 deadweight ton vessels has a capacity in excess of 2,000 TUE's (twenty-foot equivalent units) with a cargo

deck of two million cubic feet, equaling 40 football fields.

Chairman of the NSCSA board of stockholders Muhammad Al-Sugair will dedicate the vessels in a ceremony adhering to traditional Islamic custom.

Dr. Abdulaziz Al-Turki, director of the shipping line, noted that the vessels feature state of the art satellite navigation and communication systems. Designed with a service speed of 19.5 knots there are thrusters fore and aft to facilitate maneuvering in and out of port.

OIC topic is helping drought-stricken Africans

JEDDAH, Dec. 3 (SPA) — The third session of the Committee on Islamic Solidarity with drought-afflicted people of the African coast, will open here Saturday under the chairmanship of Iraqi Vice-President Taha Mohieddin Maarouf.

The meeting to be held at the Organization of the Islamic Conference OIC headquarters, will be attended by Secretary-General Habib Chatti

The committee will assess progress made in implementing resolutions on helping the ten afflicted countries, for which \$210 million had been allocated. Saudi Arabia accounted for \$100 million, Kuwait \$50 million, and Iraq and UAE each \$30 million of the sum.

Participants will include delegates representing Saudi Arabia, Iraq, the UAE, Kuwait, Malaysia, and the PLO.

Pediatricians' conference today

KUWAIT, Dec. 3 (SPA) — the Association of Pediatricians in the Middle East and the Mediterranean Basin will hold their 14th conference here starting Saturday.

Dr. Abdulrahman Abdel-Aziz Al-Rasheid, head of the Kuwaiti Medical Association and chairman of the conference, said his country would present 33 research papers covering many subjects, including nutrition, here-dity, kidney and blood diseases and kidney transplants.

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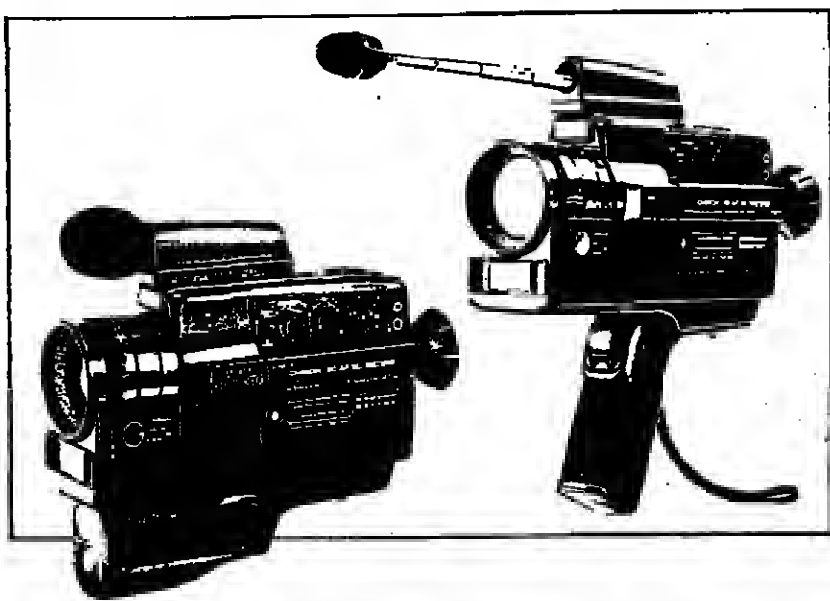
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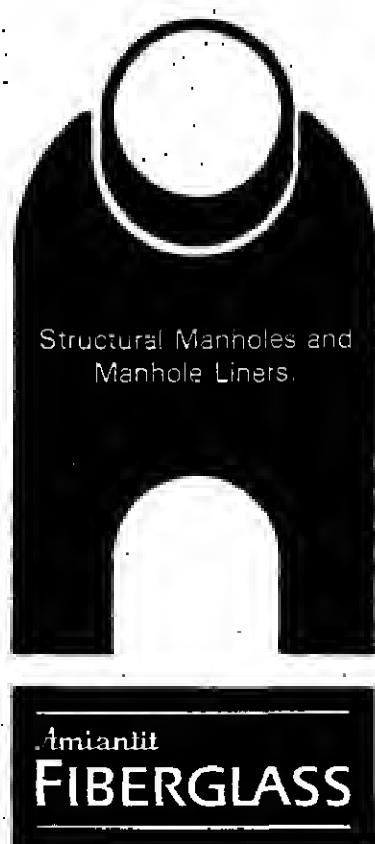
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80-man Belgian economic mission ends

Improving trade ties satisfy delegates

By Jean Grant
Alkhorbar Bureau

DHAHRAN, Dec. 3 — At the end of their week-long economic mission to the Kingdom, Belgian officials expressed satisfaction with their improving commercial relations with Saudi Arabia.

The 80-man delegation is the largest trade mission Belgium has ever sent to any country. It was headed by Prince Albert who is chairman of the Belgian Office for Foreign Trade.

The doctor who makes patients' hospital life all the more cheerful

By K.S. Ramkumar
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Dec. 3 — What makes a good hospital? Of course, its doctors and the nursing staff.

The Armed Forces Hospital at Khams Meshait not only ranks among the best known for efficient management and effective treatment but it is also known for a Swedish doctor who is unassuming, compassionate and offers treatment to the patient's satisfaction.

Abdul Rahman Omar Khayat has this pleasant experience to share. A butane gas cylinder weighing 50 pounds fell on his legs resulting in serious fractures.

A friend of his who works in Abha visited him at his Makkah residence and told him that he had heard of a foreign osteologist in the Hospital and promised to seek an appointment for him.

Khayat traveled to Abha, got in touch with liaison officer Abdullah Al-Malky who entrusted the case to the osteologist, Dr. Albert Aibek.

A quick diagnosis of two serious fractures in Khayat's right leg, and Dr. Aibek admitted him to the hospital and set them right through a surgical operation.

Khayat left the hospital three weeks later with the recommendation for three weeks' rest and re-admission if needed. The doctor had forewarned him that a further operation would be necessary to remedy the left leg's fracture, preferably after six months or a year. But Khayat forgot all about it.

A year and a half later, Khayat started getting pain in his leg and it was becoming unbearable day by day. He contacted Dr. Aibek who confirmed the existence of a fracture and decided to operate on it the next day.

Khayat was admitted to the hospital again, thanks to Malky, Dr. Faisal ibn Shibi and surgeons Safran ibn Safar Azzaeddy and Sabet ibn Said Al-Khatany. The operation was a success and he was allowed to walk three days later.

Swiss equipment exhibited in Riyadh seminars showing precision-made analytical instruments

By Omar Basadid
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Dec. 3 — Some of the latest and highly precise Swiss-made instruments for scientific analyses of mineral content are being introduced into the Kingdom for the first time.

Brian Fray, the Australia-based optics specialist from Varian A.G. — an international firm of precision instruments — told Arab News he is here to participate in a special seminar to introduce the instruments. He will specifically lecture on the uses of atomic absorption spectrophotometer and the U.V. (Ultra-Violet) visible spectrophotometer.

The former is used for measuring mineral content in water, food, blood and other samples and is an automated multi-element

This is Prince Albert's 5th visit to the Kingdom since 1969, evidence of the cordial relations between the royal families of Saudi Arabia and Belgium.

Accompanying the delegation was Andre Kempenaere, Belgium's minister for foreign trade. In an exclusive interview at the Dhahran International Hotel where the delegation stayed in Dhahran, Kempenaere told Arab News that "several contracts have been signed and we are hopeful for the future."

The mission, which represented engineering, banking, agribusiness, construction and public health, visited first Jeddah and Riyadh before coming to the Eastern Province. In Riyadh the mission was received by Crown Prince Abdullah and other members of the royal family. Participants visited local chambers of commerce and Belgian firms like Stago which is constructing the Dhahran to Abqaiq highway. Another Belgian-built project which the delegation visited was the 500 bed National Guard Hospital in Riyadh which received its first patient only 2 days ago. King Fahd opened another such hospital in Jeddah in September while a third 125-bed private hospital is under construction in Madinah. The delegation also met with Belgians on joint ventures such as Sabel (Saudi Belgian Engineering and Trading Company), the manufacturers of small parts, and Saudi Transformer Company.

On this first visit to Saudi Arabia, Kempenaere described it as "a country on the move."

Kempenaere predicted the February 1982 devaluation of the Belgian franc (the first such devaluation in 30 years) would stimulate foreign trade.

"The government has also modified salaries and the cost of production and thus made our prices more competitive," he said.

Belgium's ambassador to the Kingdom, Jacques Melsens, who was accompanying the delegation, foresaw a doubling of his country's exports to Saudi Arabia over the next two years. Belgian exports here have risen 48 percent in the past eight months including the usually slow trading summer months.

"We export more to Saudi Arabia than we do to all of Latin America," Melsens said. "We trade with 150 countries and of these Saudi Arabia is now our 10th most important trading partner, and likely soon to be the 8th or 9th. Annual Belgian exports to Saudi Arabia which run SR1.7 billion consist mainly of electrical appliances, machinery, textiles and foodstuffs."

A huge trade deficit exists in Saudi Arabia's favor because Belgium imports from this country 64 percent of its crude oil requirements, valued in 1981 at SR4.2 billion. Fully 7 percent of Belgian general imports come from Saudi Arabia. With no natural resources apart from coal, Belgium is the most heavily industrialized nation in Europe, and half of its GNP comes from export industries.

Two weeks thereafter, the doctor extracted the cartridge and he was allowed to leave the hospital.

Khayat recalls that while he was in the hospital, an elderly patient was admitted for a slipped disc. Dr. Aibek was there to operate on him and the patient was able to walk within five days.

Khayat was all the while curious to know why the 45-year-old doctor often engaged himself reading medical magazines and bulletins.

The doctor satisfied him with this reply: "Everyone who practices medicine or for that matter any science or art should keep himself abreast of all that is spoken, written or published about his field of activity in seminars, conferences, books and magazines. The scientific researchers and inventors always remain students and their studies never end since their constant effort is to perform better."

Khayat not only had a rewarding experience in the hospital but learned a moral, too, from a doctor who has been making the hospital life of patients all the more cheerful.



Dr. Albert Aibek

GOSI lays down insurance procedures under Occupational Hazards Branch

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 3 — The procedures for insurance under the Occupational Hazards Branch (OHB) have been laid down by General Organization for Social Insurance (GOSI) Governor Muhammad Ali Al-Fayez.

King Fahd has already expressed his appreciation for the role played by the GOSI in providing welfare and future security to workers under all circumstances according to Fayez.

In a letter to Ibrahim Al-Angari, Minister of Labor and Social Affairs and chairman of GOSI board of directors, King Fahd has expressed his gratitude to him as well as to all the GOSI staff for their successful efforts and good attitudes which the Minister has mentioned in a letter to the king on the occasion of the presentation of the second GOSI statistical report.

The procedures decided upon by the GOSI governor on April 12, 1982, and detailed in the November issue of Social Insurance, relate to insurance contributions, employment injury, employer's record of injuries, penalties in case the injury is established to be a non-employment injury, payment of the daily allowances and the supplementary transportation and lodging expenses, payment of treatment expenses, assessment of disability degree and general provisions. Following are excerpts from the publication:

Insurance contributions
The employer should designate two responsible persons at his establishment for signing the social insurance forms and all correspondence and claims relevant to the implementation of the Occupational Hazards Branch.

Form No. 7/insurance should be used to show particulars on payment of contributions prescribed for insurance under the Occupational Hazards and Annuities Branches. Contributions should be paid on the dates and in accordance with the procedures and on the basis of wages provided for in the Regulations Implementing the Law and the supplementary decisions.

Contributions for insurance under the OHB should be made payable for the month of the workers' employment notwithstanding that the worker may leave the service in the same month. The employer should upon a worker's entering in or leaving employment, complete the relevant Form 3.5 or 4/insurance (as applicable) and forward it to the appropriate office of the General Organization within one week at the most from the date he enters or leaves employment.

Employee injury
The employer, immediately on knowing the occurrence of an employment injury at any site to any of his establishment's workers who are insured under the OHB should take certain measures like providing the first-aid facilities, referring him to the treatment body designated by the General Organization and move him by appropriate transportation.

If the injury occurs outside the premises of the establishment or branches thereof and the condition of the injured does not permit him to come forward to the employer to report the injury, he should go to the treatment center designated for the treatment of injured workers of the establishment he works for and he is informed of by the employer or otherwise to go to one of the public treatment institutions and subsequently report the injury to the employer or his representative.

If the injured person is forced, in emergency cases, to resort to a private treatment body he should serve notice to this effect to the employer or representative thereof within three days at the most with due regard to the provisions of the OHB regulations.

The employer should move the injured to the treatment center designated for the treatment of his workers if the condition of the injured permits him to do so.

Where an insured person suffers an employment injury while he is on an official mission abroad on behalf of the employer and needs treatment after his return, the employer shall move him to the relevant designated treatment centers and the General Organization should pay the treatment expenses and daily allowances on due dates with effect from the date of his return.

Record of injuries
The employer should maintain employment injury record as per the form attached provided that such record includes particulars on all injuries no matter how minor they are. He should present such record upon request by the representatives of the General Organization or the Ministry of Labor who are licensed to visit the firms.

Penalties
If it is established by the General Organization through any source that the information contained in the employment injury notification form is incorrect, the relevant employer will be subjected to the provisions of the law and the general organization will charge him for the treatment expenses, daily allowance, transportation expenses and the lodging expenses of both the injured and his companion plus such benefits of lump sum compensations as the injured may have received by virtue of the provisions of law.

Daily allowances
The daily allowances will fall due to the injured with effect from the day following the occurrence of the employment injury in cases where the injury is reported in conformity with the provisions. However, in cases where the injury is reported after the prescribed time limit, the daily allowance will become payable with effect from the date on which the injury is reported to the appropriate office of the General Organization or the treatment center, except where the employer refuses to report the injury and the injured reports it directly to the General Organization.

Treatment expenses
The treatment center should present its claim for payment of treatment expenses on Form No. 40/Occupational Hazards at the end of each month or as agreed therewith.

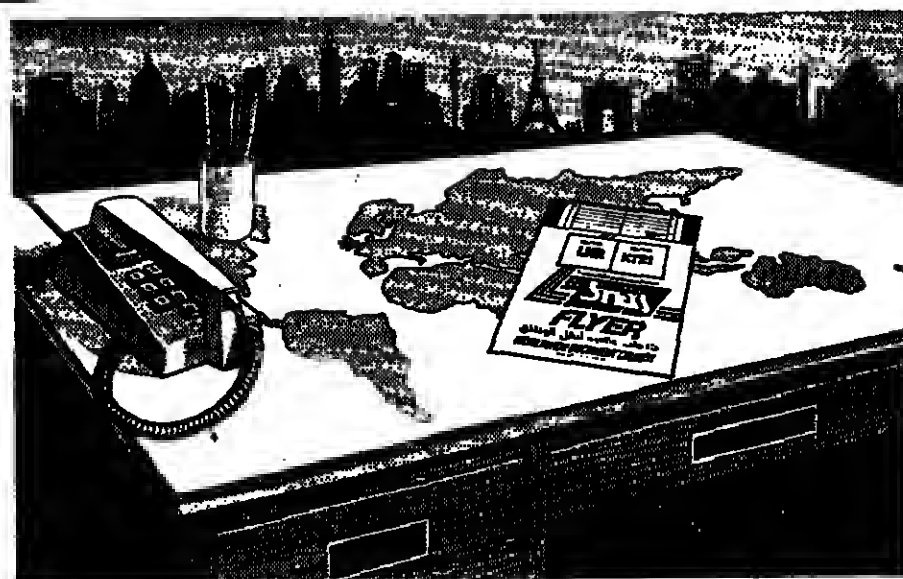
The treatment fees shall be paid to the injured himself or whom he authorizes in an emergency where the injured resort to private treatment center which is not under contract with the Organization.

Assessment of disability
The appropriate office will, immediately upon completion of treatment of the injured and stabilization of his condition with a disability or infirmity resulting from the injury, refer him to the Primary Medical Board at the Office along with all medical reports and the relevant Form Nos. 10 and 11 for assessment of the degree of the disability.

General provisions
The employers should obtain from the Organization offices, against payment of the prescribed sum, the forms usable by them in pursuance of the regulations for rules and procedures for implementation of OHB and in implementation of this decision.

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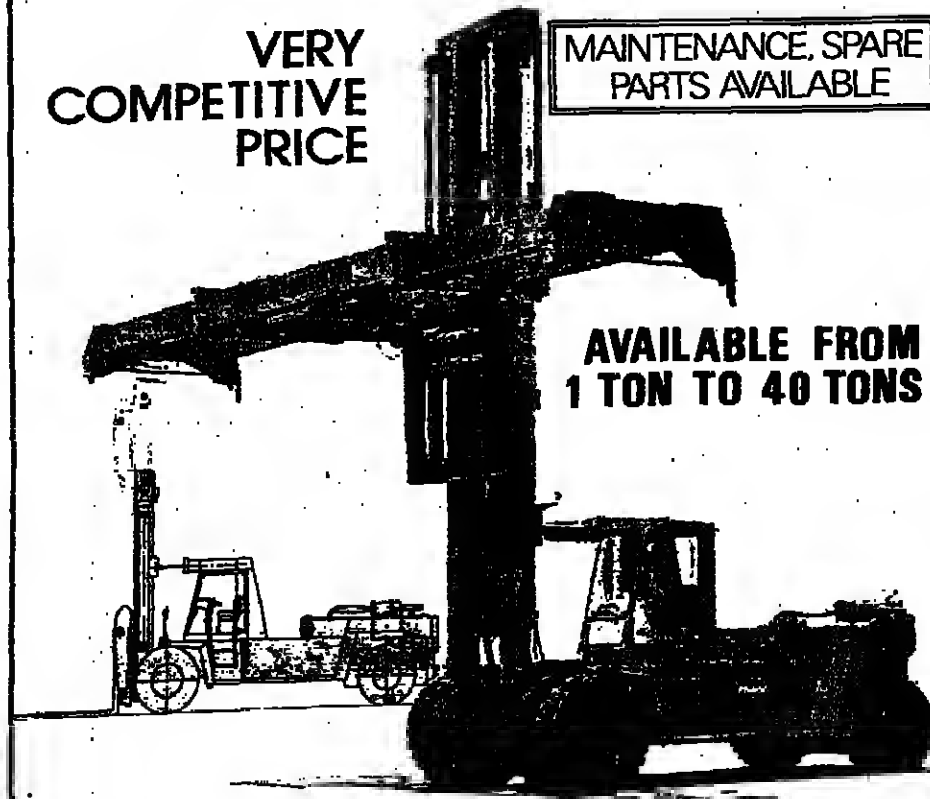
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To arrange Israeli withdrawal

Lebanese leaders back U.S. intervention plea

BEIRUT, Dec. 3 (Agencies) — Rightist Christian and leftist Muslim leaders backed President Amio Gemayel's appeal for U.S. intervention to arrange an Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon's central mountain range, state and private radios reported Friday.

The broadcasts said the pledges of support came during a meeting at the presidential palace Thursday night. Gemayel met with Christian Maronite and Druze Muslim leaders to examine ways of ending five weeks of sectarian fighting in the mountains which has claimed nearly 90 lives.

Gemayel made an "urgent appeal" to the United States on Thursday following two-hour flare-up between leftist Druze warriors and rightist Christian militiamen in the central mountain towns of Souk El-Gharb and Aitah. The state-run National News Agency said Gemayel pointed out in the appeal that an Israeli pullback would enable authorities here to deploy the Lebanese Army and units of the multinational peacekeeping force in the embattled regions to end the hostilities.

Israel dismisses eight lecturers

TEL AVIV, Dec. 3 (AP) — Israeli authorities Friday ordered eight American and British lecturers at Bethlehem University to stop teaching by Monday because they refused to sign controversial new work permits, a university official said Friday.

Brother Thomas Scanlan, vice-chancellor of the university, said the West Bank civil administration issued the ban because the four American and four British lecturers refused to sign the wording in the permit that makes support for the Palestine Liberation Organization a criminal offense.

The development indicated that Israeli occupation authorities and foreign lecturers at the three universities in the occupied West Bank have found no compromise on the anti-PLO pledge.

Scanlan said two foreign lecturers at Bethlehem University, an American and an Irishman, also were told Friday that they must stop teaching at the end of the month, when their permits expire.

"We will continue to request a compromise and continue to speak out, but there is very little hope," Scanlan told the Associated Press by telephone. The spokesman for the civil administration was not in his office and could not be reached for comment.

Egypt's extremists go on trial today

CAIRO, Dec. 3 (AP) — The trial of 302 religious extremists charged with attempting to overthrow the government by "armed revolution" opens Saturday with all but three of the defendants facing the death penalty. From the standpoint of numbers of defendants, the trial will be the largest in the recorded annals of the Egyptian judiciary.

A blind religious scholar tops the defendants' list, which includes 13 military men and more than 120 students. All are accused of belonging to an underground paramilitary organization called Al Jihad (holy struggle) formed in 1980.

Officials blamed the organization for the assassination of President Anwar Sadat at a military parade on Oct. 6, 1981 and said the slaying was planned as a prelude to seizing power by force and establishing an Iranian-style fundamentalist regime.

An indictment issued last May by State Security Chief Prosecutor Ragaa El-Araby said the defendants "attempted by force to change the state constitution and form of government and to overthrow the republican system by setting up an armed group led by the first 12 defendants."

It said the group's ideology "was based on regarding the president of the republic and his aides as heretics who should be killed." "Its aim was to stage an armed revolution to seize power," the charge sheet added.

BRIEFS

ADEN, South Yemen, (AP) — Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, has visited his commandos who were evacuated to South Yemen during the Israeli siege of West Beirut, it was announced Friday.

TEL AVIV, (AP) — An Israeli security guard's weapon accidentally went off Thursday night, killing two prisoners and wounding four at a Palestinian commando prison camp in southern Lebanon, the military command said. The shooting happened at Ansar camp, near the town of Nabatiyah about 18 kms north of the Israeli border.

VIENNA, (AP) — A group of Iranian refugees seeking political asylum described a reign of terror in Iran, and said Friday thousands of people were fleeing the regime of Ayatollah Khomeini on foot and horseback across snow-covered mountains into Turkey. "They sell everything they have and use the money to pay smugglers to take them on mountain trails across the border," said a 30-year-old construction engineer.

CAIRO, (AP) — President Hosni Mubarak will present a speech at the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization's annual meeting in Italy on Dec. 13, the authoritative newspaper Al-Ahram reported.

BEIRUT, (AFP) — Homeless Palestinian refugees in Lebanon will lack adequate shelter this winter, UNRWA (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees) Commissioner-General Olof Rydbeck has said here.

PARIS, (AFP) — A group calling itself the Iraqi Islamic Action Organization Friday claimed responsibility for Thursday's bombing of a building in Bangkok which they said housed the Iraqi consular offices.

TEL AVIV, (AP) — Israel has no information to confirm American reports that 11 Soviets were killed when Israeli planes bombed the wreckage of a downed Israeli jet in Lebanon, the military chief of staff says.

U.S., Israel said using Mideast as arms testing field

PEKING, Dec. 3 (Agencies) — China's leading newspaper claimed Friday the United States and Israel see the Middle East as a testing ground for weapons, and likened it to Japanese germ warfare experiments on prisoners in World II.

"If one were to say the war in Lebanon was another copy of *The Devil's Gluttony*, who would call that unsuitable?" asked the Communist Party *People's Daily*.

It referred to a recent Japanese bestseller that describes Japanese military doctors' tests of germ warfare methods on Chinese and other prisoners.

The *People's Daily* said "Even before the smoke from the Lebanon war had cleared and the blood from the Beirut massacre had dried," the United States and Israel had agreed on research on the U.S. and Soviet weapons.

It added "Through the experiments using the flesh and blood of the Middle Eastern people, Israel's weapons systems naturally will be made even more superior and U.S. equipment and weapons systems will improve greatly too. Then the people of the Middle East will be used in new experiments."

Arafat-Hussein contacts under fire

DAMASCUS, Dec. 3 (AP) — PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's talks with Jordan's King Hussein and the formation of a joint committee to prepare a blueprint for a Jordanian-Palestinian federation have been criticized by other commando factions.

Two pro-Syria commando groups issued statements Thursday describing the formation of the joint committee as contradictory to Palestinian interests, while other groups and individual Palestinian leaders rejected an invitation from Arafat to meet in Aden, South Yemen, to discuss coordination of positions.

The formation of the committee was disclosed in Amman Wednesday, in the wake of three days of talks Arafat held with King Hussein over last weekend.

Nabil Shatha, a Palestinian member of the

Hernu holds Beirut discussions

BEIRUT, Dec. 3 (AP) — French Defense Minister Charles Hernu and Lebanese Defense Minister Issam Khoury on Friday discussed increasing the number of French troops serving in the multinational peacekeeping force here, Lebanon's state radio said. Hernu, however, evaded reporters' questions about the possibility of expanding the 1,200-man French contingent.

"For the moment only those who are here will be here," he said. "We are not going to talk about it."

committee that is called "the Higher Jordanian-Palestinian Committee" said the proposed confederation could be proclaimed if and when Israel relinquishes the West Bank of Jordan.

The Syria-backed Al-Saeqa group said in a statement that "the news from Amman that (Arafat's) talks with King Hussein were about a confederation and that a committee had been formed contradict the interests of the Palestinian people."

"The Amman talks will lead only to consolidating Hussein's position (seeking) to share in PLO's right to represent the Palestinian people, consequently paving the way for (U.S.) President Reagan's proposals and other projects aimed at liquidating the Palestine cause," the statement added.

He said he would meet Lebanese President Amin Gemayel Saturday.

The government radio station also said Hernu's talks with Khoury included the possibility that France would supply the Lebanese Army with more arms. Hernu later conferred with the Lebanese Army Commander Gen. Victor Khoury.

The 28,000-man Lebanese Army, which is trying to rebuild so it can once again assert authority over its country, gets most of its weapons from France and the United States

U.S. panel OKs extra aid for Tel Aviv

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (AP) — The U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee has approved a foreign aid bill that the administration of President Ronald Reagan said could endanger peace in the Middle East by "appearing to endorse and reward Israel's policies."

The \$11.5 billion bill provides \$475 million more than the \$1.3 billion the administration requested in direct security-related assistance to the Israeli government. Thursday's vote was largely symbolic, since no action on the total bill is planned in the U.S. House of Representatives, where opposition to administration proposals for military aid in El Salvador and elsewhere is strong.

Nevertheless, Kenneth Dam, acting secretary of state in the absence of Secretary George Shultz, urged the committee to delete the additional funds for Israel, which were added on Tuesday by its foreign operations subcommittee. In a letter to Republican Senator Mark Hatfield of Oregon, committee chairman, Dam said the increase "could impede the strenuous efforts we are making to find a settlement in Lebanon and to make progress in the broader peace process."

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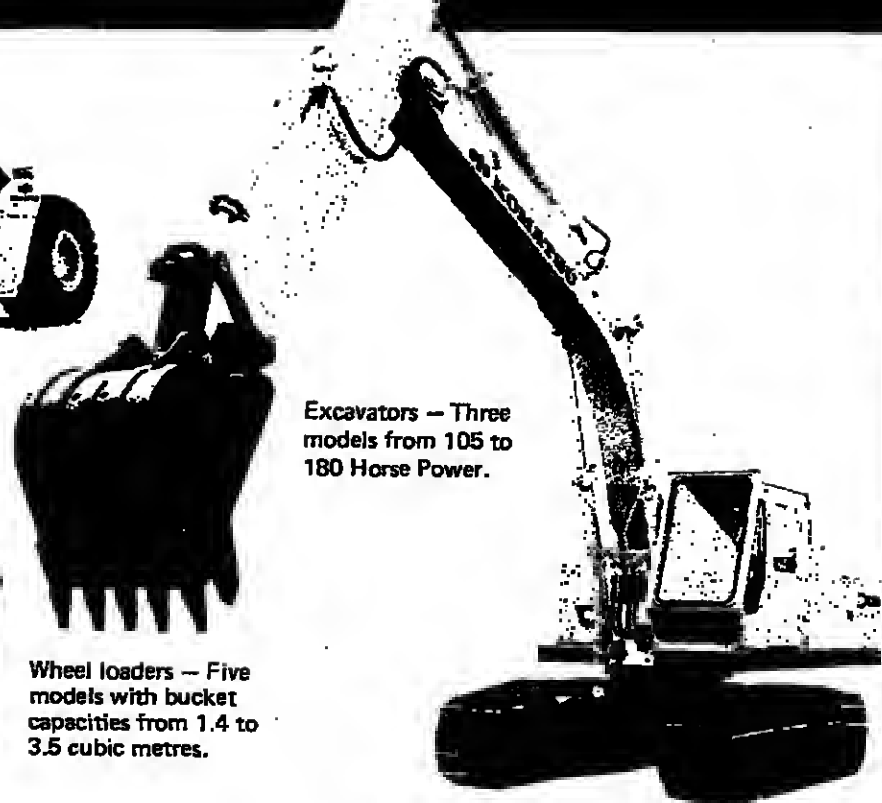
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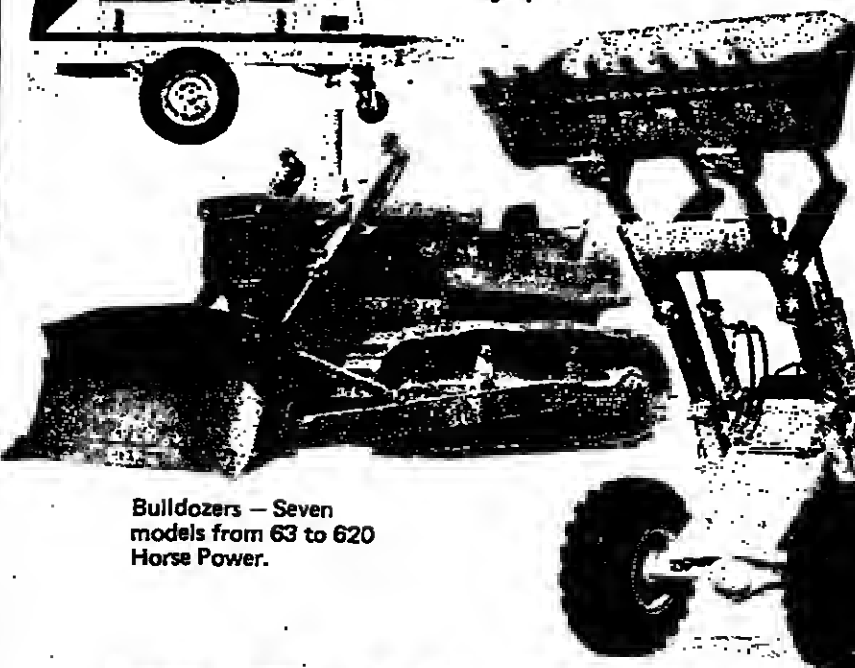
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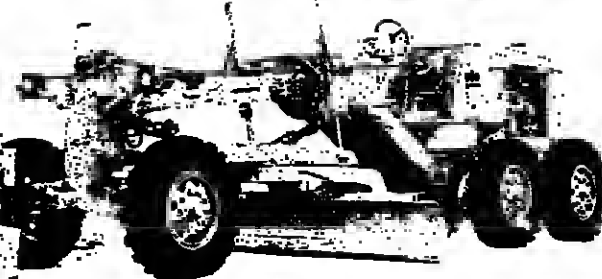
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Cover-up for Beirut holocaust

American taxpayers continue to be hoodwinked

By Jim Taylor

Just as soon as the American-financed Israeli terrorists gained control over the western sector of Beirut, their first item of business was to send their outlaw band called "Christian militia" in trucks and with American weapons to murder civilians in the Palestinian camps of Shatila and Sabra. By the way, the Israeli advance was also a direct violation of the ceasefire agreement and promises Begin made to President Reagan. But then, what the hell, did Israel ever keep even one promise or written accord in all its 34 years of existence?

European news men and the international Red Cross reported that they saw hundreds of bodies of innocent women, children, adolescents and old men piled high in the streets despite the fact the Israeli bulldozers tried to cover up the massacre by burying many corpses before newsmen could get in to view them. A European doctor told the Associated Press that he saw the Israelis bury alive, along with the dead, many wounded women and children who were unable to move but were screaming and waiting for mercy as they were being buried. Does this script sound familiar? It should, because this is exactly the type of thing which the Jews claim was done to them during World War II.

When I was in Lebanon last June, I interviewed in person some of this same group of terrorists known as "Major" Saad Haddad's "Christian militia," formed by Israel. Haddad, who was kicked out of the Lebanese army for cruelty to prisoners, is nothing but a common criminal. But then the entire Israeli army of terrorists is no better. And neither are the U.S. and the American taxpayers who paid not only for this particular massacre, but for all the others by Israel over the past 30 years. Press reports by European newsmen reveal that Israel not only ordered their "Christian militia" to commit this latest massacre but also sent in Israeli officers with them dressed in militia uniforms to see that the killing was actually carried out to the exact orders of the Zionists. One Israeli colonel, out of uniform, was recognized by doctors at a hospital near the murder scene.

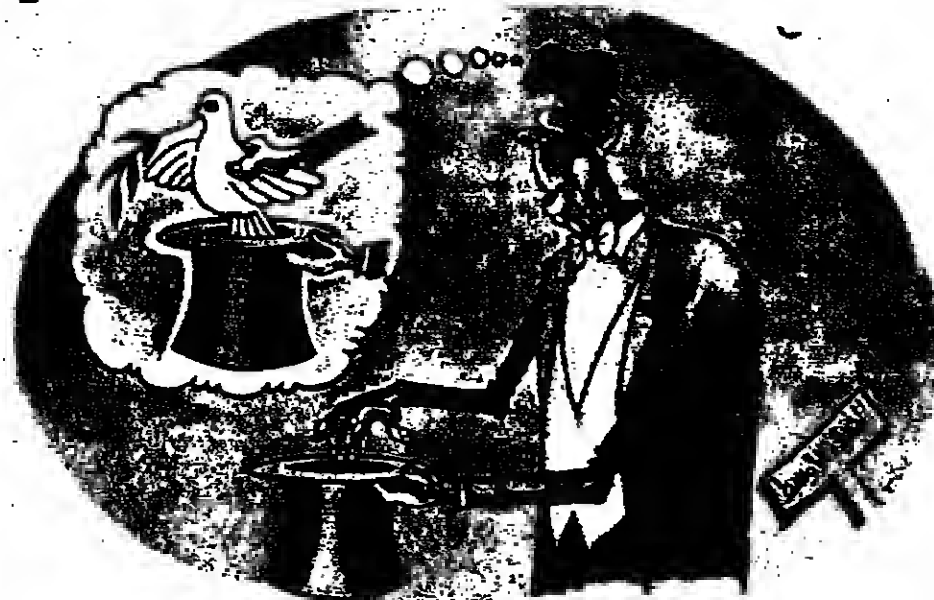
And don't be misled by President Reagan's apparent condemnation of the massacre. He approved it. His "condemnation" is for public consumption; merely to calm Americans who might otherwise be upset by seeing on television the many bodies in the streets which the taxpayers caused to die by being overly generous with unlimited funds for the Israeli terrorists. So how does it feel to know that your money is still being used to murder innocent children? That's worse than anything the Mafia ever did. And just what do you think people of the other nations think about American financing and agreeing to allow Israel to continue to murder civilians? The world sees Americans as the cruellest group of people on earth, and rightfully so. That's because they realize that without you tax-

payers digging deep into your pockets for Israel, none of this would have happened. These dead children would still be alive and playing games, but for the U.S. taxpayers.

When the wild-eyed "Major" Haddad came out of West Beirut after his men and the Israeli officers had committed the massacre, he proudly answered newsmen by saying, "We were slaughtering people for Israel." Then he was immediately led away by the Israelis. Haddad is a known criminal hired by the Israelis. His militia was nothing but a band of cutthroats, which included 41 Americans. Some people reasoned that he couldn't be that bad if he had full backing from both Israel and the U.S. Well, now what do you think of him? Just because Haddad was highly regarded as an honorable person by both Begin and Reagan doesn't whitewash him and change his stripes, does it? Just because President Reagan thinks Haddad is a fine, upright person because he protects "poor, little Israel," doesn't change anything. Like Israel's Ariel Sharon, Haddad is a known sadist. Both enjoy viewing photos of mutilated children, including amputees.

The very purpose of my trip to Beirut, at the request of the Arabs, was to warn the western world about this dangerous criminal, a personal friend of Begin and whom Israel placed in charge of defending the northern border of the Zionist state. My warning against this butcher, whom the Israelis love, went unheeded. Prime Minister Shafik Wazzan of Lebanon told American officials that Israeli officers carried out the massacre so we cannot place the blame entirely upon the renegade traitor Haddad. Where would Haddad be without the weapons and unlimited support of both the U.S. and Israel? So, to get the fact straight, remember it was the U.S. and Israel who hired and paid the arch-criminal Haddad to do their dirty work. No one else hired him. To the Arabs, he is a traitor to be shot on sight. No one else gave him weapons, made in the U.S. No one else backed him. You can't blame this on the Soviet Union or the Communists either. As for Israel not knowing about the massacre, no one could believe it, especially when some Israeli officials maintain that Israel ordered the killing. The Israelis have such a tight grip on Lebanon that not even the chirp of one cricket could go unnoticed by them. So, how do you think that the massacre of several thousand people could be carried out without their knowledge and approval. Nobody is that dumb.

When thousands of Israelis march in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem carrying signs reading "shame" and calling their leaders butchers, you better believe them. Who should know better than they? It required tear gas and brutal police force, very repressive measures, to halt the demonstrations against Begin and Sharon. The opposition party has called for their dismissal and for new elections. But since Reagan wants Begin to stay in power, there is little chance of this monster being ousted.



Unlike the Americans in Vietnam, the Israelis are under no restrictions when they attack. They shoot at anything which moves anytime, anywhere. That's their orders. Kill everything in view which moves, be it a small baby or a cat crossing the street. That's how they were able to win with practically no losses at all. They show no respect for civilians, children at play, hospitals, embassies or Red Cross units. Nothing means anything to them but the glory of Greater Israel marching ever forward into Arab lands as conquerors who intend to make slaves of the inhabitants. Their lone rule of warfare is simple. If anything gets in the way, destroy it without any hesitation.

Of course, this method of waging war is approved and admired by the Pentagon and the White House despite the fact that they did not permit our handicapped soldiers in

Vietnam to fight in this manner. In September, I heard Bill Koerner of Pinesville, Montana, speak about this in Kansas City. He is a retired chief warrant officer who served 20 years in the Army Intelligence Service. He maintained that President Johnson ordered Americans not to even fire on the enemy when seen until fired upon. Since the North Vietnam Army was well equipped with Soviet rifles which could fire a burst of 30 rounds in less than one second, the U.S. soldiers were forced to take this fire and if still alive, only then could they fight back. Koerner also carefully explained why you read in the news about the same bill in Vietnam being taken by American forces as many as six times. A certain strategic bill would be won by the Americans at a cost of perhaps 200 men. Then they would be ordered to pull back. The

next day they had to accomplish the same mission, take the hill again while losing more men. He also mentioned that when he flew over the harbors of North Vietnam, he looked down and saw Exxon and other American tankers selling oil to the Communists to be used against Americans. When they captured enemy gun emplacements, they found the fire had been directed by American-made gun control computers.

Another great demoralizing factor was when Jane Fonda and Dr. Spock went to Hanoi and recorded several broadcasts urging the Communists on to victory over the cruel and heartless Americans. Lady Jane and Dr. Spock kept telling the Communists that if they could just hold out a little longer they could win. And Miss Fonda entertained the North Vietnam troops much in the same manner as Bob Hope did for our own troops. She has also been in Lebanon lately entertaining the Israeli forces and urging them on to victory over the "profane" Arabs as she termed them. You wonder why she was never tried for treason, don't you? Well, was President Johnson ever tried for treason? And he did much worse. I bring up Vietnam to illustrate how different it is with the Israeli aggression which the U.S. does not restrict in any way, shape, form or fashion. What I am saying to you is that although the U.S. didn't seem to mind the deaths of over 57,000 brave Americans who died for nothing in Vietnam, they are very protective of Israeli lives and don't want one Zionist soldier to be injured even slightly if it can be prevented. That's right! You understood me correctly. The U.S. government doesn't mind at all about Americans such as died on the U.S.S. Liberty and who were recently shot at by Israeli forces in Lebanon. But they sure as hell don't want any Israelis to be killed.

Reagan has a new plan to do away with Medicare for the elderly just so he can use that money to buy more weapons for Israel. Get the picture? No sacrifice by U.S. citizens is too great where Israel is concerned. When are you taxpayers going to find your voices and say, "Enough is enough"? Senator Bob Dole of Kansas, who has had a transformation change from Conservative to Liberal, has called for more huge tax increases to support Israeli terrorism in Lebanon. Just to show you that no amount of bloodshed can change Reagan's personal dedication to Zionism, he got so carried away in talking to the press that the State Department caught him in a deliberate lie in support of Israel. Our Israel first, last and always President told reporters that "I am sure Israel forces moved into West Beirut in violation of the agreement for good reason because they were fired upon first." But the State Department said, "Not even the Israelis claimed they were fired upon in any way." One high official said, "Don't quote me by name but the president has got his facts wrong." Which is just a nice way of saying the president saw fit to lie in order to make his beloved Israel seem in a better position worldwide for violating the cease-

fire. But, as European countries and our other allies have pointed out repeatedly, the greatest damage done in the entire realm of the mess in the Middle East stems from our "brave" president's distinct disavowal of ever even hinting that he will cut down or cut off welfare aid to Israel. Everytime you see the president making any statement about the Israeli atrocities or anything else concerning the Zionists, he always makes sure that the final sentence he utters goes like this, "We are not considering a cut-off of any aid to Israel because we must have a strong Israel in the Middle East. And, on his orders, all State Department press releases and statements are required to carry that same disavowal sentence at the end. Next time you hear Reagan make a statement about Israel, watch for that last sentence because it tells you exactly what is wrong with this nation. What he is saying, in essence, is that no matter how many people the Israeli terrorists murder or how much American money they squander on uncalculated aggression, he still supports them.

Many people ask why Reagan insists upon such large appropriations for the armed forces. I'm going to divulge a little secret about that. Many of these bills which are voted for defense budget purposes are never going to be used for defense of the United States of America in any way. Some carry a code name of "Umbra," which is a word used to conceal the fact that the funds are to be used for weapons for Israel. I will have something more to say about that word later. The only good thing about the shocking Israeli atrocities in Lebanon is that from this day onward the Zionists will never again be able to use the overworked Holocaust claims to gain sympathy and money.

One major misrepresentation running daily in the American press licks me and literally burns me up every time I read it. Actually, it is not so much a misrepresentation as it is a deliberate lie. Every day you read constantly that "Christians" committed the Beirut massacre. I can assure you that no Christians took part in it. Did you ever hear of real Christians killing little babies? This is calculated propaganda against the Christian world. The organization of "Major" Haddad is Christian in name only and it got this name because Begin thought it would be a big joke on the Christian population to label this bunch of paid thugs as the "Christian militia." The Haddad group is approximately 80 percent Muslim and the rest have no religious affiliation at all. I personally interviewed Haddad's men in June and did not find one single Christian among them. So, anytime you hear that Christians took part in the massacre, don't believe it. On Sept. 22, Prime Minister Begin told the Associated Press, "Goyim kill goyim, and they're immediately come to hang the Jews for it." Goyim, the AP went on to explain, is a highly uncomplimentary Yiddish word referring to non-Jews.

Transforming economy for socialism

Zimbabwe 'new deal' beyond reach

By Rodney Pinder

HARARE (R) — Zimbabwe's first development plan, published this week, aims to transform the economy for socialism, but businessmen, economists and Western diplomats here say it sets targets beyond the reach of the young nation.

Critics say that at a time of world recession, Zimbabwe could not muster the massive foreign and domestic investment or bring about the rapid expansion of private industry called for in the \$8 billion scheme. Businessmen say the Socialist government of Prime Minister Robert Mugabe has already reduced industry's competitiveness in world markets by raising minimum wages, overtaxing profits and spending foreign aid on social services rather than retooling factories.

And some Western diplomats fear Mugabe's forerunner to the long-awaited plan will put off international bankers. In it the prime minister says the plan "recognizes the existing phenomenon of capitalism as an his-

torical reality," but he also makes references to "privileged classes" and "the bourgeoisie."

Explaining the need for a new deal, Mugabe says: "The wealth, education, health, skills and welfare of the bourgeois class, by antithesis, translate themselves into the poverty, ignorance, disease, absence of skills and welfare on the part of the peasants and workers."

Even Mugabe's administration admits the world recession overtook the plan's draftsmen as they labored. Finance and Development Minister Bernard Chidzero said the 129 pages were probably out of date before leaving the printer's. But he told reporters he was not unveiling the plan in a fit of folly. The country needed a vision and the program was flexible, he said.

The objectives as listed by him in order of importance, are: repairing the economic damage caused by the civil war and years of trade sanctions, high growth, maximum employment, distributing land and wealth equitably, expanding social services and, finally, general economic "restructuring." The latter means transforming an economy created over 90 years by a white minority mainly for its own benefit into a Socialist structure for the mass of the 7.5 million Zimbabweans.

Mugabe's government has often complained that though it won an independence war and defeated white political power the minority still commands the heights of the economy. The plan envisaged eight percent annual growth rate with investment of \$7.9 billion. It says almost 40 percent of the money will come from abroad.

Economic analysts saw the target for growth as unrealistic. A post-independence boom produced 12 percent average annual growth in 1980 and 1981, but recession has slashed it back to a forecast of two or three percent this year, they said. Some experts estimate that Zimbabwe's economy, heavily dependent on mineral exports, will not begin to pick up again for at least six months after recovery in the industrial world.

Private business, which has been asked to produce nearly 63 percent of the planned investment, is skeptical. The Chamber of Mines said the growth target was too high, given rising labor costs, an overvalued Zimbabwe dollar and government curbs on foreign exchange allowances for raw materials.

The government, seeking to redress what it regards as 90 years of exploitation of Zimbabwe workers by white minority administrations, has virtually doubled minimum wages since independence. And Dr. Chidzero this week again firmly ruled out a devaluation.

The chairman of the Zimbabwe stock exchange, W.A.F. Burden-Courts, said he thought the private sector could not make its contribution unless the government created a better climate for profits. He feels that against the background of world recession the government's \$3 billion target for foreign

aid might prove "on the high side."

The Commercial Farmers' Union — a powerful lobby in one of the few African countries able to export food — said the agriculture industry was unlikely to achieve its targeted growth rate of five percent. It published a long list of difficulties, such as rising production costs, price controls, shortages of skilled manpower and the fact that neighboring countries — Zimbabwe's main hope for exports — were largely broke. The farmers, predominantly white, also attacked government plans to resettle 162,000 families from poor land neglected by previous white administrations. Only 25,000 peasants have been resettled on vacant areas in the past two years.

The resettlement program — which goes to the heart of the government's dreams after a century of black-white conflict over land in Africa — failed on two counts, the farmers said. If productive land was redistributed on such a scale, the five percent target could not possibly be reached. If the commercial farms were replaced by peasant holdings some 200,000 workers with 1.5 million dependents would lose their job, they argued.

Western diplomats tend to regard the plan as an exercise in economic thinking. One called it "an indicative plan." They also said the growth target was unrealistic and the chances remote of raising another billion dollars from abroad, either from government or commercial sources.

To 'redoos jooveniel delinquency'

U.S. printer promotes spelling reform

By Michael Wise

NEW YORK (R) — An American says he has at last produced a — "spelling that children, adults and foreign students can learn quickly, without laborious memorizing." He says it is needed to reduce illiteracy.

English spelling has never been easy, vexing students as well as scholars and its unpredictability has prompted a long line of crusaders, including Benjamin Franklin, George Bernard Shaw and Andrew Carnegie, to promote reforms. Now a 77-year-old New York printing pioneer hopes his attempt at bringing about a more systematic approach to spelling will be more successful. Edward Rondthaler, who helped invent phototypesetting, has devised a phonetic method of spelling he calls "soundspeil."

Just a glance at a pamphlet composed in the way Rondthaler sees our written future is enough to make many literates clutch their Webster's dictionaries tightly. "If simpler spelling can do something to help the dropout problem it's bound to redoos jooveniel delinquency, crim-in-th-streets, hard cor unemployment, and poverty," he writes and says spelling reform is needed primarily to deal with illiteracy in the United States.

"I think we have to do something... Teachers are making no headway. We're losing ground," he said in an interview. With the idea that "language should be a reflection of speech," Rondthaler first devised "sound-

speil" in the 1970s using only the 26 letters of the English alphabet. Earlier reformers have tried to alter or add new letters to accommodate all of the different sounds of spoken English, but he said the letter's bizarre appearance only increased resistance to a change that has few serious champions.

"Spelling reformers are in a great state of disarray," he said, conceding "there are a lot of screwballs in it." Rondthaler, however, insists he is not tilting at windmills. Recognizing opposition from those who would have to start spelling from scratch, he says his plan could be implemented with the flick of a switch. "It can be done without adult retooling because computer majic will do it for us."

Rondthaler and Edward Lias, a member of the faculty at Ocean County College in Toms River, New Jersey, with the help of professors at Brown University on Rhode Island, compiled a soundspeil dictionary of the 45,000 most frequently used words in American English. Using this dictionary as the database, Rondthaler and Lias then programmed a computer to transliterate from standard spelling to "soundspeil."

Rondthaler said he foresees implementing the reform gradually over a period of years, conducting public opinion polls on acceptance of various changes. The first change, he said, would be the use of the letter 'E' for all words with the short 'e' sound, such as meny, friend, sed, agen, and hreklafst. Next, perhaps,

would come the consonant change of 'K' for 'ch' in words like kemistry and skool or 'ep' for the long vowel in cleen and seet.

Earlier reforms, such as Benjamin Franklin's "scheme for a new alphabet and a reformed mode of spelling," have not been warmly received. George Bernard Shaw also developed an ill-fated new spelling system, even publishing in it. However limited success was achieved in 1906 when a book known as the Simplified Spelling Board, funded by industrialist Andrew Carnegie and backed by President Theodore Roosevelt, sought the cooperation of newspapers and schools in gaining acceptance for changes in the spelling of twelve words.

The board was able to gain U.S. acceptance for the modification of "programme" to "program" but could not turn "prologue" into "prolog." Its efforts were discontinued when financial support came to a halt with Carnegie's death. The Chicago Tribune implemented several spelling reforms between 1934 and 1949. They included substituting the letter F for Ph in words like sofisticated and filosofor. But the newspapers' reformed somewhat in 1955 and returned entirely to traditional spelling in 1975 due to lack of popular support.

Other moves have been made in Britain — most notably the development by Sir Isaac Pitman of a new alphabet combining many of the currently used letters into a foreign looking collection of symbols.

Living under the shadow of death

By Agustin Fuentes

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (R) — Johanna Canadip is a nine-year-old girl, ill nourished, weak and poor — but she knows how to run from bombs. She lives in San Pedro de Pitero Grande, a small Nicaraguan border town which is the target of rightist guerrilla raids from neighboring Honduras. Recent border clashes between the rightists and Nicaraguan troops have raised fears of all-out war between the two feuding Central American neighbors.

Little girls like Johanna are not the only ones who run. "I run better with my shoes off," says Ramberto Garactown, a member of a civilian patrol unit guarding the town. All males aged over 14 are organized into military patrols and roam the streets ready to direct the women and children to take shelter during attacks, while they run to combat trenches.

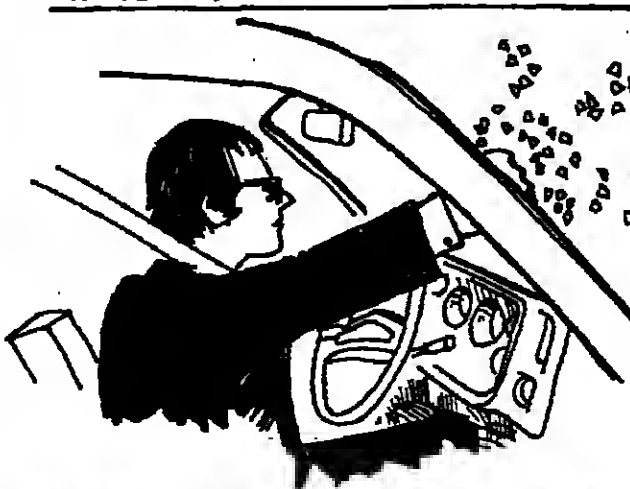
Earlier this month the Nicaraguan Army moved in and took control of the entire 770-km border with Honduras after declaring a state of emergency along its length.

Nicaragua's leftist leadership said the move was necessary because of what it called a joint U.S.-Honduran plan to strike at Nicaragua from bases in Honduras using supporters of the late Anastasio Somoza.

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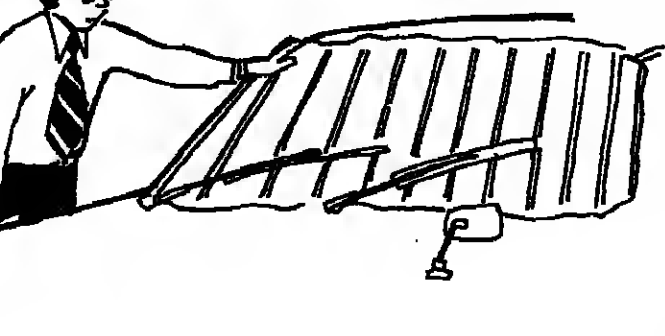
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For pedestrians

Spain-Gibraltar border to open

LONDON, Dec. 3 (AP) — The British government welcomed the Spanish announcement that it was reopening its frontier with Gibraltar for pedestrians, but noted it was only a partial fulfillment of the 1980 Lisbon agreement.

Britain and Spain agreed after talks in Lisbon two years ago that all restrictions on traffic between Spain and the British crown colony imposed 13 years ago by the late Gen. Francisco Franco, would be lifted with the start of talks between the two governments on the future of Gibraltar.

Those talks were set to begin last spring but were suspended by Spain in reaction to Britain's 74-day conflict with Argentina over the Falkland Islands.

A foreign office spokesman said in a statement Thursday: "any easing of Spanish restrictions on Gibraltar is welcome. But a partial opening of the border to pedestrians only does not fulfill the terms of the Lisbon agreement. This envisaged that all restrictions will be lifted. We look forward to the total lifting of all current restrictions. People living in the area will then be able to resume normal contact."

Gibraltar was ceded to Britain by Philip V of Spain in the Treaty of Utrecht ending the war of Spanish succession. But Spain has not ceased claiming the territory at the entrance to the Mediterranean Sea. The colony's

population of 29,000 civilians are mainly of Maltese, Spanish and Moroccan extraction.

The decision by the new Socialist Prime Minister, Felipe Gonzalez, to reopen the border was greeted with satisfaction Thursday in La Linea de la Concepcion, the town facing the "rock", and in Gibraltar itself. Reliable sources said the opening of the border gate may be decided upon at the new government's first cabinet meeting next Tuesday.

Observers pointed out, however, that Gonzalez had not softened Spain's stand that "the Spanish government will reaffirm with all necessary firmness its claim on Gibraltar".

The mayor of La Linea, Juan Carmona, said Thursday the latest move was "what we expected of a Socialist government. The freedom of communication for pedestrians resolves the humanitarian problem of separated families and friends." The news was well received too in Gibraltar itself, where a flood of Spanish tourists is hoped for. Chamber of Commerce Chairman Wilfred Garcia told the *Diario de Cadiz* newspaper Thursday that Gibraltar, a free port, "could become the mini Hong Kong of the peninsula."

But the inflow of tourists would come as a blow to Spain's north African enclaves of Ceuta and Melilla, also free ports, where half the population live off trade. There would be

a significant drop in sea traffic between Algeiras in southern Spain and Ceuta and Tangier.

The new prime minister made it clear Tuesday that the colonial situation of Gibraltar "damages the integrity of national territory and the international and strategic position of Spain." He added: "the government maintains its intention of reintegrating Gibraltar into (Spain's) national territory through negotiations with the United Kingdom". Socialist sources said the reopening of the border should be seen as a goodwill gesture to London.

In October last year the Spanish Socialist Workers' Party said the return of Gibraltar should be a condition for Spain's joining the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The centrist government of the time replied that entry into NATO should facilitate negotiations with Britain.

A source close to the Socialist leadership said Thursday that the Gibraltar question might be an important element in working out policy toward NATO. Gonzalez has announced a freeze on the integration of Spain into NATO's military organization, but the source said a positive attitude by London over Gibraltar plus progress in negotiations for Spain to join the European Economic Community could help persuade the Spanish to accept this integration.

Gandhi gets rave reviews

LONDON, Dec. 3 (AP) — *Gandhi*, the movie chronicle of Mahatma Gandhi, father of Indian independence from Britain in 1947, received a warm welcome in London Thursday night at its gala British premiere.

Princess Diana, sparkling in a white and pastel silk chiffon dress, accompanied Prince Charles at the showing attended by director Sir Richard Attenborough and members of the cast.

Actor Ben Kingsley, highly praised for the accuracy of his portrayal of Gandhi, told the princess he had to lose nearly 9 kilograms in weight to play the role. Attenborough paid tribute to the late Earl Mountbatten of Burma, saying he was one of the inspirations of the film which took 20 years to reach the screen. The earl was the British viceroy of India at the time of independence. The movie had its world premiere in New Delhi Tuesday night and is scheduled to make United States debuts in New York, Washington, D.C. and Los Angeles this week.

The movie received rave reviews from most British newspapers Friday morning. *The Daily Express* described it as "an epic of staggering sweep and scope that never loses sight of its original aim — to present a portrait of a man who made an impact on history by turning his spiritual and ethical beliefs into political weapons."

Daily Express reviewer Ian Christie said

that through Kingsley's portrayal of the Indian leader, the audience was led to like as well as respect Gandhi. Christie added: "It is to Attenborough's credit that the British are not too severely lampooned, although their behavior during the struggle for Indian independence could have excused it."

Margaret Huxman wrote in *The Daily Mail*: "The fact that Attenborough's remarkable film comes so close to achieving the impossible is largely due to Ben Kingsley's portrayal of the leading role. After the first halting scenes, he ceases to be an actor. You feel you are indeed in the presence of Gandhi himself. It is a performance unmatched in the cinema this year. To say it is Oscar-worthy is an understatement."

Patrick Gibbs of *The Daily Telegraph* commented: "Both in appearance and interpretation, Ben Kingsley in the leading part provides, for me at least, complete satisfaction." Virginia Dignam, writing in *The Morning Star*, called the movie "a formidable and exciting achievement."

But there was sharp criticism from Nigel Andrews in *The Financial Times*. "While there's little doubt of Attenborough's ardent devotion to the Mahatma... the film is a three-hour marathon that does scant justice to Gandhi or to history or to Attenborough's own passion," he wrote.

Irish driver gunned down

BELFAST, Dec. 3 (AP) — The driver of a school bus was shot dead in Northern Ireland Thursday as he was returning a number of young pupils to their homes, police said.

The bus driver, the yet unnamed but latest victim of sectarian warfare in the British-ruled province, was gunned down as he stopped to let off some of the children at a crossroads in Coalisland, County Tyrone.

A Belfast police spokesman said he was approached by "at least one gunman" who fired a number of shots were fired. He was dead on arrival at hospital. The dead man had been taking children home from St. Patrick's Academy, a 600-pupil Roman Catholic school in nearby Dungannon when he was attacked.

Eyewitnesses said he tried to move on but was shot at point-blank range, his bus careering out of control and into a hedge. All the schoolchildren escaped unharm. The spokesman said the gunman got away in a blue car which was later found half a mile away by police.

The victim was reported to be a former member of the Ulster Defense Regiment, the province's locally recruited, mainly Protestant part-time militia. He was the 2,250th person killed in 13 years of turmoil and the 78th to die this year. No guerrilla group immediately claimed responsibility for the slaying.

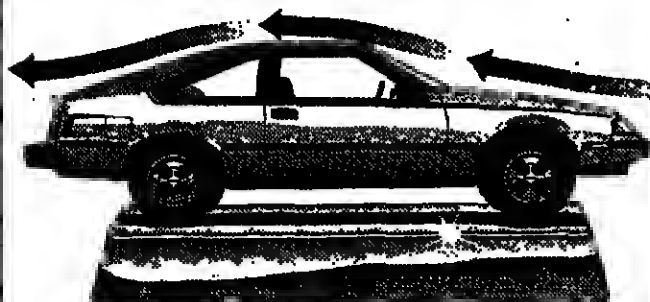
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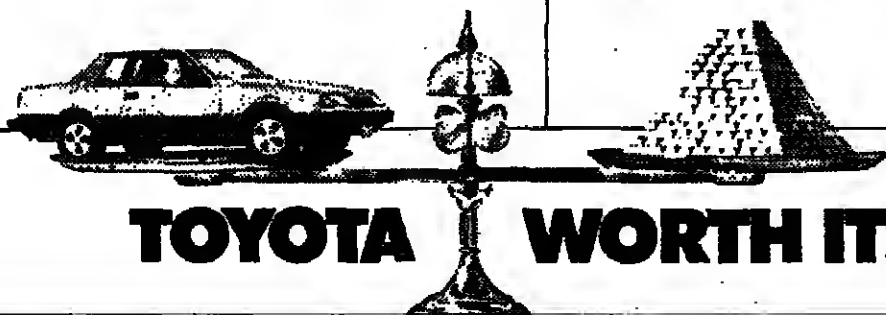


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Chilean panel formed to study exiles' return

SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 3 (AP) — President Augusto Pinochet has moved to erase one of the major criticisms of his military regime by forming a commission to consider the return of thousands of Chileans it sent into exile.

The five-member panel, headed by Interior Minister Enrique Montero, started meeting Nov. 11 to review applications on behalf of several hundred exiles and expects to make its first recommendations by the end of this month.

It is the government's first response to appeals by civil rights groups for a reconciliation with critics who fled or were forced from Chile after the bloody 1973 coup that brought Pinochet to power.

Nobody is sure exactly how many exiles there are because they were expelled or barred from re-entering by so many different authorities. Estimates range from 10,000 or 11,000 by Chile's U.N. ambassador to more than 37,000 by the local human rights com-

mission. As many as 2,000 exiles are considered leftist guerrillas.

In announcing the government panel Oct. 25, Pinochet emphasized it would not "open the door to extremists" and would accept the return of only those who recognized the legitimacy of his rule. Montero said the regime would not give up its constitutional power to banish dissidents by decree.

However, the president has won guarded praise from Chile's civil rights movement which has made the exiles a cause celebre, along with the fate of more than 600 dissidents who disappeared after the coup and the continuing arrests and torture of scores of others each month.

Chilean diplomats have indicated their hope that, as a result of Pinochet's action, Chile will get a less damning report this year from the U.N. human rights commission.

The initiative also comes as the American government considers whether to certify in Congress that Chile is improving its human rights performance — a voucher required before U.S. military aid, suspended in 1976, can be resumed.

Some foreign diplomats say the move is more a response to the government's allies at home, who backed Pinochet's 1980 constitution calling for an eight-year transition to civilian rule and who expect to see some liberalization along the way.

Other Latin American countries such as Argentina have a larger number of political exiles. But forced exile on the scale that followed the 1973 coup has been perhaps more traumatic for Chileans because they had lived under one of the region's most stable democratic governments.

Thousands who hid in foreign embassies here during the coup were given safe conduct out of Chile but barred from returning. Others, expelled by executive or judicial order in lieu of prison terms, could not get back in after those terms expired.

A large number — some say a majority — left on their own under no apparent suspicion but were condemned to exile by various decrees or Chilean consular officials who spied on their allegedly "anti-Chilean" activities abroad.

Pinochet said he was setting up his commission on exiles "to create the conditions of unity for all Chileans." Since then, Human rights organizations have reported hundreds of inquiries about the government panel on behalf of exiles hopeful of returning.

Alicia, a 50-year-old woman who withheld her last name, said "I believe that, finally, my daughter and her husband can return from exile in Europe, where my grandson was born. I have seen him grow up only in photographs." Monsignor Juan Deicastro, head of the Vicariate of Solidarity, the Roman Catholic civil rights agency, called Pinochet's action "a positive step" but warned that exiles should "not raise their hopes."



CHEMICAL EFFECTS: These photos of a 15-year-old Laotian youth, taken by a Canadian diplomat at a refugee camp in north-east Thailand, show the effect that officials say is a result of the Soviets using a deadly gas in an attack in Laos. The boy was caught in a "yellow rain" attack where chemicals or gas was sprayed. The photos were released by the State Department in Washington.

U.S. official plans trip over drug problem

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (AP) — U.S. Attorney General William French Smith said his round-the-world trip to study drug and refugee problems was so successful he is considering a similar trip to Latin America.

"This is the kind of thing I think should be done in the future, and I'm really surprised it hasn't been done in the past," Smith told a group of reporters as he reviewed the results of his recent 20-day trip to Tokyo, Hong Kong, Thailand, Pakistan, Paris and Rome. "We're thinking about doing the same kind of things in Colombia, Peru, Bolivia and Mexico as we did on this trip, because this one was sufficiently productive and informative."

Reagan seeking confrontation, Salvadoran leftist says

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 3 (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan is seeking "confrontation instead of negotiations" to resolve tensions in Central America, says Guillermo Manuel Ungo, political leader of the leftists fighting the government of El Salvador.

Ungo, secretary-general of the Revolutionary Democratic Front, the guerrillas' political organization said the United States must accept that military solutions will not bring peace to the region. Ungo spoke with a reporter Wednesday in Mexico City, where he was a guest of the government at the inauguration

of President Miguel de la Madrid.

Reagan's trip to Central America is an attempt to improve the appearance of political and military support for the government of El Salvador, Ungo said.

The FDR and the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front, the coalition of guerrilla groups, form an umbrella organization for the leftists' battle to take power.

Reagan, in Brazil on the first leg of a Latin American tour, is scheduled to arrive in Costa Rica Friday for meetings with President Alberto Monge and Salvadoran Presi-

dent Alvaro Magana. He then travels to Honduras where he will see President Roberto Suazo Cordova and Guatemalan President Efraim Rios Montt.

"He is meeting with four of six Central American presidents," Ungo said. "His real intention is to isolate Nicaragua." Although there are seven countries in the Central American isthmus, Panama and Belize generally are not included in the region politically.

Nicaragua's leftist government is a strong supporter of the Salvadoran rebels. The United States has accused Nicaragua of providing them military support.

Haughey stays as party leader

DUBLIN, Ireland, Dec. 3 (AP) — Prime Minister Charles Haughey was endorsed Thursday as Fianna Fail leader by the party's 74 other legislators, despite his failure to win last week's general election.

The move was seen as a temporary reprieve for Haughey after Fianna Fail's failure to secure an overall majority in the Dail, the Irish parliament, in three elections since June 1980.

Party officials said "there was no sign of revolt" at the closed-door meeting, called to determine post-election strategy and endorse the nomination of Haughey, 57, as prime minister when parliament reconvenes Dec. 14.

Former Premier Garret Fitzgerald of the opposition Fine Gael Party is expected to be elected prime minister by lawmakers. He looks increasingly certain to head a coalition with the third-ranked Labor Party that will have 86 seats in the 166-member parliament. At present, no single party has a majority.

A senior Fianna Fail source conceded after Thursday's meeting: "You can take it now, we're going into opposition."

Haughey has survived two challenges to his leadership this year. Five Fianna Fail dissidents who sought to topple him in October lost their seats in the Nov. 24 election. But the revolt still simmers and his opponents are expected to launch another challenge to oust him early next year.

Party sources said Haughey surprised the dissidents by calling the caucus so soon after the election, apparently to prevent them organizing a new attempt against his leadership.

Kim learning English

VALLETTA, Malta, Dec. 3 (AP) — Kim Chong-Il, son of North Korea's leader Kim Il-Sung, is visiting Malta to learn English, the pro-government newspaper *L'Orizzonte* reported.

The newspaper, quoting informed sources, said Kim Chong-Il, heir apparent to the 70-year-old North Korean leader, came here at the invitation of Prime Minister Dom Mintoff. English is widely spoken in this former British colony and the government runs an English school for foreign students.

Kim is believed to have arrived here several days ago, but no announcement has been made about his visit and government officials refused to discuss his whereabouts or his activities.

Truck crash kills 19

SAO JOSE DO RIO PRETO, Brazil, Dec. 3 (AP) — A truck carrying farm workers crashed into a bridge support, flipped into a shallow river and burst into flames early Thursday, killing 19 persons and injuring 18, police said.

The victims were badly burned in the fire, which ignited when the vehicle struck the riverbed, according to police chief Benjamin Abbade.

The farmworkers, heading for a sugar cane plantation near this city in southern Brazil, included women and children, Abbade said. Police said initial testimony from witnesses indicates no other vehicle was involved.

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Short's fine show fails to terminate Warriors' losing run

NEW YORK, Dec. 3 (AP) — For many National Basketball Association teams, an 8-7 record might not seem like much. But for Dallas Mavericks' coach Dick Motta, it's almost heaven.

"I'm very pleased with this club. It's one heck of a start," said Motta after the Mavericks went over the .500 mark with a 110-100 victory over the Golden State War-

riors Thursday night.

Although Motta admits he's "not buying tickets for the playoffs yet," it's quite a turnaround for the once-hapless Mavericks, who last season lost 24 games by the time they had won eight.

For the first time this season, the Mavericks got 20-point performances from four of their players: Mark Aguirre with 27 points, Rolando Blackman with 22 and Jay Vincent and Kevin Ransey with 20 apiece. Ransey said he played his best game of the year in a new role — coming off the bench.

It was the eighth straight road loss for the Warriors, who also have lost eight of their last nine games and have fallen to 5-12 for the season.

In other NBA action, Utah turned back Portland 119-112 and Philadelphia beat Phoenix 116-108.

The Mavericks never trailed after taking a 65-53 lead late in the second quarter but had to overcome a 40-point performance by Golden State's F. Pruiett Short, who has scored 80 points in his last two games.

Jazz 119, Trail Blazers 112: Adrian Dantley scored 37 points and Darrell Griffith added 20 to spark Utah over Portland. Dantley, Griffith and Dolph Schayes, who scored 19 points, helped the Jazz run up its largest margin of the game, 87-74, with 3:43 left in the third period.

But Calvin Natt, who led Portland with 29 points, and Mychal Thompson triggered a Portland rally early in the fourth period, and with six minutes remaining the Blazers had caught up and gone ahead 103-101.

Utah tied it up again, moved into the lead with four minutes remaining and pulled away again, leading by 117-107 after a Griffith three-point goal with a minute to go.

76ers 116, Suns 108: Andrew Toney scored a season-high 34 points and Julius Erving added 26 as Philadelphia beat Phoenix.



Aguirre... leads Mavericks' attack

Capitals nip Penguins

LANDOVER, Maryland, Dec. 3 (AP) — Mike Gartner scored two goals and Craig Laughlin added a goal and two assists to lead the Washington Capitals to a 5-4 National Hockey League victory over divisional rival Pittsburgh Penguins Thursday night.

Meanwhile, defenseman Marty Howe scored his first NHL goal on a 55-foot shot late in the third period, lifting the Boston Bruins to a 3-3 tie with the Quebec Nordiques.

Meyer shocks Edmondson

MELBOURNE, Australia Dec. 3 (AP) — Unknown American Rick Meyer sent third-seeded Mark Edmondson reeling out of the \$450,000 Marlboro Australian Open at Kooyong in the first round Friday.

Meyer, ranked 285 in the world, stunned the former Open champion in four sets 6-4, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4. The 27-year-old New Yorker, whose main claim to fame so far is a victory in last year's Bulgarian Grand Prix Tournament, surprised Edmondson when he continually came up with booming serves on critical points. Meyer is making his second trip to Australia.

Edmondson had his chances when he was 4-1 up in both the first and fourth sets, but each time Meyer came up with the right shot and hauled himself back into contention.

The American is part of a quartet of players — the others are Jay Lapidus, Matt Doyle and Eric Fromm — who have banded together and generally traveled in a group, coaching one another and watching each other's matches.

Two other upset wins earlier in the day were when Paraguay's Victor Pecci and fiery Fritz Buchning were knocked out of the tournament. Pecci fell to American Andy Andrews 4-6, 6-7, 6-2, 6-4, 7-5, while Buchning went down to plucky West Australian Chris Johnstone, who won 6-4, 6-3, 5-7, 4-6, 6-3.

Meanwhile, Bjorn Borg's quarterfinal opponent in the \$700,000 Invitation Tennis

Edmondson

Tournament in Antwerp Friday will be Brian Gottfried of the United States. The 30-year-old American reached the last eight when he crushed compatriot Mel Purcell 6-2, 6-0.

Also through to the quarterfinals are Czech Davis Cup player Thomas Smid, Yannick Noah of France and Jan Gunnarsson of Sweden.

Smid defeated Bernard Boileau of Belgium 6-4, 6-4. Gunnarsson eliminated Claudio Panatta of Italy 6-2, 7-5 and Noah beat another Belgian player, Jacques Grandjean, 6-1, 6-2.

Smid, now plays John McEnroe of the United States. Noah meets Sweden's French Open champion Mats Wilander and Gunnarsson faces Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia.

In Illinois, Tom Gullikson of the United States scored a surprise straight sets victory over second seed Jose-Luis Clerc of Argentina in the second round of the \$300,000 WCT Tennis Tournament here Thursday night. Gullikson won 6-4, 7-6.

Clerc had posted a 6-1, 6-3 opening-round victory Wednesday night over India's Vijay Amritraj. Playing on a slow, rubberized surface conducive to his baseline attack, Clerc repeatedly blunted Amritraj's forays into the net with crisp passing shots.

Amritraj managed to hold only one service game in the opening set, and didn't fare much better in the second against the Argentine, ranked No. 5 on the WCT's computer.

Catch 'em young to kick it rich the Hovenic way

"Catch 'em young, and mold them into winners," is the dream of every coach. That is true even in the case of Mike Hovenic and his dedicated band of coaches.

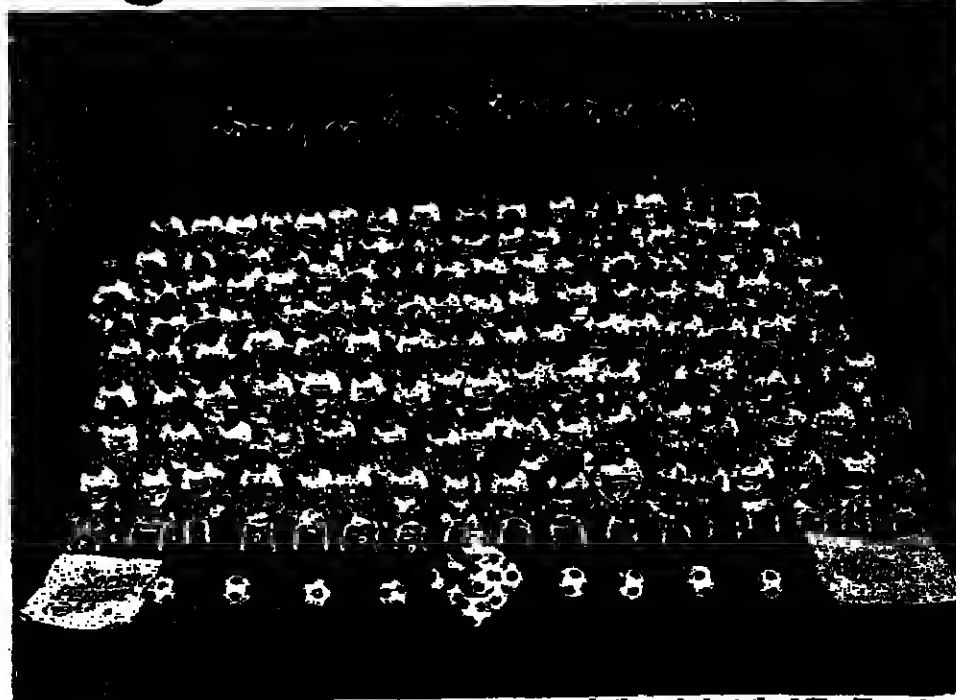
Their sphere of influence is restricted to California and soccer — a game where everyone can get his 'kicks'. And once the soccer bug catches you there is no cure but to play ball. That's what Hovenic and his team try to teach — to play ball correctly.

For a normal person seeking delight, the rigors needed to groom yourself would prove a bit too much. But to the discerning Hovenic's methods would prove a wealth immeasurable for one seeking glory on the field.

Hovenic, the Southern California coach of the year, runs soccer camps at Poway, Escondido, Penasquitos, Encinitas, Scripps Ranch and Coronado. The camps are open to boys and girls ranging from four to 14. And the advanced camp is for boys and girls aged 9 to 17. Hovenic and his team try to put into practice the old maxim "A healthy body keeps the mind healthy," in their camps. And the success of their efforts could be gauged by the accolades showered on the camps by the parents of the children, who have gone through Hovenic's tutelage.

One enthusiastic parent said: "Your camp changed a mild interest in soccer into a wild interest" while another exclaimed "A super camp run by super people."

Apart from inducting the youngsters into the nuances of the game, the camp has proven beneficial in developing skills of those who are really keen. The advanced



PROUD FAMILY: The tiny tots, who go through the grind at the Mike Hovenic Soccer Camp, make a happy picture as they pose with their coaches.

training imparted by Hovenic and his coaches is a course designed to develop the skills at a higher level, where the sharp edges in one's game is smoothed.

During the advanced sessions, technique, tactics and functional training — pressure training for strikers, midfielders fullbacks, offensive and defensive tactics for all players, functions of positional responsibilities

proficient in the fundamentals, then they can join the advanced training sessions. The only requirement for joining the advanced training is three years of hard work in the fundamentals in any of the camps.

Hovenic and his team's main "goal" is to stress the importance of good sportsmanship on and off the field. And this, if gained, would prove an added qualification for anyone in the turbulent mainstream of life.

Each player is placed in an age and ability matched group to maximize their learning experience. Individualized instruction, short-sided games, and full-field afternoon scrimmages are conducted to expose a player to every aspect of the game.

Hovenic also adds flavor to his training. He has introduced a novel competition in his camps called the "soccer pepper." It requires two teams of two — a goalkeeper and a striker in each squad — in an head-on clash to determine the best team.

"Soccer pepper" was developed to meet the need for involving meaningful competition of today's talented youths. It is also the very essence of today's exciting soccer — a direct confrontation between a goalkeeper and a striker, where the difference between victory and defeat is instant reaction, alertness and a lot of heart.

Off the field the players are given game strategy sessions, thrown in with instructional films. And also a supervised recreation, later, to give the players a brief respite from soccer.

As Holmes hints at a title bout

Lucien on threshold of instant stardom

SAINT OUEN, France, Dec. 3 (AP) — His only entourage is his family. By day he works as a meter reader for the French electricity Company. At night he works the heavy bag at a small municipal gymnasium in this bleak industrial suburb north of Paris.

After a decade of meager purses, sparse crowds, little or no recognition, European heavyweight boxing champion Lucien Rodriguez, 31, is looking at the very real possibility of his first big pay day in a title match against World Boxing Council (WBC) champion Larry Holmes.

A tentative agreement has been reached for a fight early next year. Nothing has been signed although Holmes, following a successful defense against Randy "Tex" Cobb, said Rodriguez would probably be his next opponent.

The temptation is to take the 6-foot-2 (1.88-m), 210-pound (95-kilogram) Moroccan-born Frenchman lightly. France hasn't mounted a world heavyweight title challenge since Georges Carpentier was knocked out in the fourth round by Jack Dempsey 61 years ago, and nobody, including Rodriguez, believes he has much of a chance of taking away Holmes' crown.

"Even if there's only the slightest chance, you've got to take it if you have the opportunity," he said in a recent interview. "And I'll be relaxed. I'll have nothing to lose."

Rodriguez's detractors say he can't punch and that his recent opponents have been over-the-hill examples of the sorry state of European boxing. He doesn't even have a catchy nickname.

But Rodriguez, an intelligent, soft-spoken man, has taken on the best Western Europe has to offer, defending his title five times since he regained it Nov. 26, 1981. In 1979, he knocked out 20th-ranked American Bob Hazelton in the third round, and in 1981 he lost a close 10-round decision to Michael Dokes.

Dokes, ranked the No. 1 contender by both the World Boxing Association (WBA) and

the WBC and undefeated after 26 fights, is scheduled to meet WBA title-holder Mike Weaver in a Dec. 10 championship bout.

Rodriguez has a creditable 35-7-1 record and is ranked 9th by the WBA and 10th by the WBC. Twenty of those victories have been by knockout, but he's a boxer, not a slugger.

"He does just what he has to do to beat you," according to French Boxing Federation president Raymond Baldeyron. "It's as if there was a little calculator in his brain, figuring out how many rounds he's ahead. Sometimes he doesn't look too impressive because he gets himself up to a level just above his opponent, and no more."

"Nobody's saying he's going to beat Holmes, but it will be a good fight and Lucien deserves it. He's a very serious boy and the best European."

But being the "best European" is part of Rodriguez's problem. No one, including the Europeans, thinks much of the caliber of the continent's fighters, especially the heavyweights.

Britain's heavyweight crown is held by 36-year-old Neville Meade, Italy's title holder Domenico Adinolfi is also 36, West Germany's champion is the uninspiring 30-year-old Bernd August and Spain's title is simply vacant.

Professional boxing has been outlawed in Sweden, home of Europe's last world heavyweight champion, 1959 title holder Ingemar Johansson.

Rodriguez's last two bouts were organized by his Spanish-born father, Francois. "Because nobody in Paris either wanted to or was available," his manager, Jose Jover said.

Warren, Bugner threaten legal action against BBBC

LONDON, Dec. 3 (APF) — Promoter Frank Warren and his new heavyweight, Joe Bugner, are threatening legal action if the British Boxing Board of Control do not allow a tournament planned for the Alexandra Pavilion in north London on Feb. 16, to go ahead.

Warren's application to promote a Bugner fight on that date has been turned down by the Board's southern area council because it is within 14 days of a tournament to be promoted by Micky Duff and Mike Barrett at the Royal Albert hall on Feb. 8. The Board has a policy that no two major shows can be staged within two weeks of each other.

Warren complained that no-one has ever defined a major show and that the matter is not covered by the rule book. "I will take the matter as far as I can," he said Thursday. "I will go to court if necessary. It is restraint of trade and they are showing the sort of attitude that throws boxing back 20 years."

Bugner was even more forthright: "I came back here to box and they are depriving me of the chance to do so. It will be interesting to see whether there is the same conflict when I am champion of Europe. They are worried that Frank Warren is going to take over boxing in this country," he claimed.

Ex-champ killed
It was learnt in Bangkok that former world junior flyweight champion Netnoi Sor Vorasingh was killed in a motorcycle accident in his hometown of Sakol Nakhon. The 25-year-old southpaw was returning home when he crashed into a power pylon.

Netnoi, 25 won the world title from Freddie Castillo of Mexico here in May 1978 and lost it to South Korean challenger Kim Sun-jun by a knockout in South Korea on Sept. 30 1978.

Police said Netnoi was taken to a local hospital where he died of severe head injuries. He last fought in 1981, when he was stopped by Panama's Hilario Zapata.

Battle of champions
Meanwhile, Wilfredo Gomez and Lupe Pintor fight Friday night for Gomez' World Boxing Council super bantamweight title in New Orleans.

It will be a battle of champions, Pintor holds the WBC bantamweight title, which will not be at stake. The 5-foot, 5.5-inch (1.66 meters) Gomez, of Puerto Rico, who is called "Bazooka" by his fans, has a 37-0-1 record with 37 knockouts. Pintor, 5 feet, 4.5 inches (1.64 meters), of Mexico, is 49-5-1 with 38 knockouts. Each is also making big money — reportedly a guaranteed \$625,000 apiece.

Their scheduled 15-round bout in the

Bladeyrou says he doubts "nobody made any money off the last few fights, including Lucien."

Jover claims the problem is even worse because Rodriguez is French. "In any other country, he'd be a national hero, but you know the French, all they like to do is criticize," the natty, 72-year-old manager complained.

"When I read about the million-dollar purses in the United States, it makes me crazy," he added. "I wonder how they do it. Here in France, Lucien has trouble getting even the slightest offer for endorsements."

Rodriguez says he has received a couple of publicity offers, but turned them down "because it takes time and, with working my regular job and boxing, I want to save their for my family" — his wife, 10-year-old son and 3-year-old daughter.

"I'm not jealous that other fighters make a lot of money," he added. "But it does make you dream a bit."

Meanwhile, Larry Holmes arrived in New Orleans Thursday and announced at a news conference that his differences with promoter Don King have been patched up.

Holmes had said last Saturday, the day after his one-sided victory over Cobb in Houston, that King had asked him to take a purse cut after the fight and that he was considering fighting for another promoter.

At the news conference, Holmes said that he had received all of his money for the fight and strongly indicated that his next bout would be for King, who was promoted most of his matches. "I've made a living with Don King and I'm sure he's made a living with me," said Holmes.

superdome will precede Wilfredo Benitez' WBC super welterweight title defense against Thomas Hearns. The Gomez-Pintor fight is set to start about 0300GMT. The other bout is set for 0400GMT.

"This is a bridge to a fight with either Laporte or Castillo," said the 26-year-old Gomez, noting that this will be his last defense of his share of the 122-pound class title. Gomez, who cannot make the 122-pound (55.3 kg) limit easily, said he has been promised a match against the winner of Laporte's WBC featherweight title defense against Castillo in January.

While he plans to campaign as a featherweight, Gomez said he doesn't plan to seek the World Boxing Association 126-pound (57.2 kg) division title held by Eusebio Pedrosa of Panama. The WBA 122-pound (55.3 kg) class champion is Leo Cruz of the Dominican Republic.

Karen Wood regains British Ice-Skating title

LONDON, Dec. 3 (APF) — A confident Karen Wood romped through her free skating program to regain the women's title at the British ice-skating championships at Solihull Thursday night.

Wood, 20, from Deeside, north Wales and who lost the crown last year to Solihull's Debbie Cottrell, easily headed off the enthusiastic challenge of Sunderland's Alison Southwood and Nottingham's Susan Jackson.

Jackson, 17, skated a brilliant program to finish the free skating in second place behind the champion. But she still had to be content with overall third place for she started the day just that little too far behind after Wednesday's compulsory sessions.

Wood was clearly in a class of her own, yet started skating again only four weeks ago after recovering from an operation to release a locked left knee-cap. She said: "Luckily I haven't felt a twinge throughout the competition, but I know there has got to be much more hard work before the European and World Championships early next year. At least I know the knee is sound again and that alone gives me confidence."

Mark Peppercorn of Nottingham retained the men's title and the Bristol couple, Susan Garland and Ian Jenkins, easily kept the pairs crown.

Garland, still only 16, has now had a share in the title with a different partner for the fifth year running.

Meanwhile, Viki Fleckenstein of the United States won the World Professional Skating Championship giant slalom in Colorado Thursday when she beat last season's champion, Toril Forlandar of Norway, by just 14/100ths of a second.

Injured Cook rested

MELBOURNE, Dec. 3 (APF) — England's cricket selectors have decided not to risk opening batsman Geoff Cook for Saturday's game against Victoria here, virtually eliminating him from their plans for the third Test.

Cook was a surprise withdrawal from England's team on the morning of the second Test in Brisbane when he awoke stiff and sore from a suspected cracked rib when he was struck by a delivery in the net from Ian Botham.

The Northamptonshire opener has failed to make the quick recovery expected and will have a precautionary X-ray later to establish if there are any complications from the injury.

England will be anxious to beat the state side to restore some of the morale lost in the seven-wicket defeat in the second Test in Brisbane earlier in the week.

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As South Korean boxers steal the show

Chinese finish in a blaze of glory

NEW DELHI, Dec. 3 (AFP) — China Friday ended the ninth Asian Games as the region's new sporting titan but was upstaged by South Korea, which bagged nine of 21 gold medals at stake on the final frantic day of competition.

South Korean boxers battled their way to seven of the 12 titles in the ring to go with their 55-84 victory over China in the men's basketball final and a one-two finish in badminton women's doubles.

The Chinese, who Thursday ended Japan's 31-year reign as kings of the regional sports festival, won the badminton men's and women's singles and women's volleyball crown to bring their final gold haul to 61.

There was consolation for Japan when their men's volleyball team downed China for their country's 57th gold. They added a silver medal in women's volleyball plus six bronzes from badminton, basketball and boxing to finish with a 154-153 edge over China in total medals.

But neither country was represented in Friday's boxing finals, leaving South Korea to hog the show by winning the light flyweight and bantamweight contests as well as every division from light welterweight to light heavyweight. The victories hoisted South Korea's gold total to 28, ten better than at the Bangkok Games in 1978, and solidified their hold on third place in the medal standings.

But South Korean fighters in the featherweight and lightweight categories lost to North Korean opponents. The top category, super heavyweight, produced a victory for North Korea's Cho Bong Gil over Pakistan's Imriz Mahmood.

Thailand won their first gold medal of the games when Sangham Teetaporn outpointed Pakistan's Saifur Ali. The only other non-Korean victory in the ring was Kaur Singh of India, who beat Iraq's Ismail Salman for the heavyweight prize.

The final day of the two week sports extravaganza, which saw Japan knocked off the top of the gold medal chart for the first time since the Asian Games were launched in 1951, began with China leading by 58 golds to 56.

Though China, the one-time "sick man of Asian sports" competing in only their third Asian, fully deserved their top spot in the gold medal race, owed a debt to the South Koreans for depriving Japan of victory in several key events. While the South Koreans can go home with joy in their hearts and dreams of the 1986 Asian Games will host, their rivals North Korea will leave New Delhi under a cloud.

Spending performances by North Korea in gymnastics, athletics and shooting had the shine taken off them by their football team's attack on a Thai referee.

The rise of the Chinese on the Asian sporting scene has been meteoric. They joined the Asian only in 1974, when they were the third most successful nation in Tehran after Japan and Iran.

In Bangkok last time they rose to a clear second place with 51 gold medals against the 18 won by third-placed South Korea. But they were still 19 behind Japan in gold medals and 27 in the total medals tally.

China's strengths then, remained strengths

at this time, notably gymnastics, shooting, table tennis, badminton and diving, plus certain athletics events. But they caused a stir by sweeping all four golds in the new rowing tournament at the 1982 Games and by winning three swimming golds for the first time.

South Korea's contribution to Japan's downfall, including 14-year-old Choi Yum Hee's triple gold in the swimming pool, pushed Japanese opposition into second or third place in several events.

On the concluding day, the South Korean cagers deprived China too of yet another when with some fine, controlled play they beat the Chinese after leading 46-42 at the break.

At one point in the second session, the Koreans lead 69-61, but then the Chinese took the offensive and narrowed the gap to one point, but the Koreans reopened their lead to 83-78 just one minute 26 seconds from time.

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Koreans banned for 2 years

NEW DELHI, Dec. 3 (AFP) — North Korea were Friday suspended for two years from Asian Football Confederation-sponsored international tournaments following their attack on a referee in the Asian Games semifinals here.

AFC president Dato Hamzah Samah said that the decision was taken Friday morning during a meeting of the confederation executive committee. He said the penalty was agreed by a "majority vote" but refused to give details of the 18-member meeting.

Thai referee Viji Getkew was badly beaten up by the North Koreans Tuesday after he awarded a controversial penalty kick to Kuwait, which enabled them to equalize and take the match into extra time before winning 3-2.

The confederation chief said a report about the incident, the ugliest scene in the Asian Games' 31-year history, would be submitted to the International Football Federation (FIFA).

FIFA president Dr. Joao Havelange said that a FIFA executive committee meeting would be held in Zurich on Dec. 18 to con-

sider the ban and whether FIFA would take further action against North Korea.

The AFC president blamed the Indian organizers for failing to control the situation despite the presence of more than 40 policemen during the attack, which included a free-for-all between Indian policemen and North Korean officials.

The Asian football governing body announced Thursday the cancellation of the play-off between North Korea and Saudi Arabia for the third place and gave the bronze to the Saudi Arabian team.

The ban means that North Korea will not be able to take part in the Asian Zone qualifying rounds of the World Youth Championships to be staged in Bangkok with the finals to be held in Mexico next June. The South Korean youth team, third in the qualifying round, will take their place.

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Late goal earns Iraqis soccer gold

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NEW DELHI, Dec. 3 — Iraq became the Asian Games soccer champions Friday. They beat Kuwait 1-0 in a predominantly defense-oriented final so conspicuously devoid of exciting moments. That 81st minute goal undermined the adventurous spirit of "nothing attempted, nothing gained." Iraq were the more positive.

Dull, drab and slow-motion soccer. That's what it was at the Nehru Stadium here. Neither side produced the punch. All they did was play the spectacular game of ball possession. While Kuwait were inclined to be too safely conscious, Iraq were ready to sacrifice ball possession in the hope of making a breakthrough. That ultimately paid dividends.

Iraq made the first thrust for goal in the

sixth minute. Natiq Awne volleyed hard but the ball went over. At the other end Moesid's essay from 20 yards out was punched away by Iraqi goalkeeper Saleman. As time neared the interval Iraq were more on the prowl with both Natiq Awne and Hussain Saeed seeking for the breakthrough in vain. Except for these half chances the first half produced nothing distinctive.

As one ardent reader of the game said: "The first half was a time for chatting. There was nothing exceptional to attract keen attention." There was a distinct turn for the better on change of ends. Kuwait were ready to part with the ball. They utilized the speed of Moesid and Karam on the flanks. Now the long ball was being punted to pierce the Iraqi defence.

Youssef came near goal in the 61st when he jumped amidst a cluster of defenders to head

goalwards. The ball went inches over. Two minutes later came another good move from Kuwait. Moesid streaked down the left flank and turned to Youssef who was quick to relay to Karam on the right.

While Kuwait were forcing the pace Iraq used just two forwards for breakaways. They were constantly lobbing the ball in front for Natiq Awne and Hussain Saeed to search for goal. Only once did Natiq Awne pose some threat when he beat Waleed. Before he could shoot Jasem was on the ball. The 81st move was the best in the match and the only one which produced a clear opening. Iraq had possession in midfield and Hussain Saeed looked as he would punt ahead. He caught everybody napping with a piercing through pass which saw Hussain Saeed go past the Kuwaiti defender, Mahboob and Gamal and easily pushed past goalkeeper Jasem.

Asian Games at a glance

and Hamzah Ahs (Japan).

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Women's singles: 1. Zhang Ailing (China), 2. Li Lingwei (China), 3. Kikako Furukawa (Japan), Kim Yun Ja (South Korea).	Featherweight: 1. Yo Ryonahk (North Korea), 2. Park Ki Chul (South Korea), 3. Haddad (Syria) and Shoji Hagiuchi (Japan).
Men's doubles: 1. Ixora Sugianto and Christian Hadinata (Indonesia), 2. Luan Jian and Lin Jianshi (China), 3. Leroy Pina and Pradeep Gendhe (India) and Park Joo Bong and Lee Eun Ki (South Korea).	Lightweight: 1. Chong Jo Ung (North Korea), 2. Kwon Yun Kyo (South Korea), 3. Fernando de Asia (Philippines) and Jasal Pradkan (India).
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Volleyball Men: 1. Japan, 2. China, 3. South Korea.	Light middleweight: 1. Lee Hui Jung (South Korea), 2. Job Kiriir (Syria), 3. Mahak Singh (India), Nuz Muhammad (Pakistan).
Women: 1. China, 2. Japan, 3. South Korea.	Middleweight: 1. Lee Nam Eal (South Korea), P.K. Pandey (India), 3. Ahmed Al-Rabee (Kuwait) and Muzaffar Ahmad (Pakistan).
Baseball Men: 1. South Korea, 2. China, 3. Japan.	Light heavyweight: 1. Hong Ki Ho (South Korea), 2. Gwang Sook (India), 3. Un Tong Li (North Korea), and Hahobulsh Klam (Pakistan).
Baseball Women: 1. Hui Yong Mo (South Korea), 2. Ellen Tabares (Philippines), 3. Seiki Segura (Japan) and Ali Ben (Pakistan).	Heavyweight: 1. Kaur Singh (India), 2. 2. Salman Ismail (Iraq), 3. Ben Wen So (South Korea) and Shumbe Kichengoni (Mozambique).
Football: 1. Saungun C. Teetaporn (Thailand), 2. Saifur Ali (Pakistan), 3. Kwon Chae Oh (South Korea).	Super heavyweight: 1. Cho Bong Gil (North Korea), 2. Imriz Mahmood (Pakistan), 3. Naleem Shamsi (Kuwait) and Kim Kyoan Ho (South Korea).



GOLDEN RIDE: India's Rubinder Singh Brar, seen above on his mount, brought home the hosts' third Equestrian gold in the Asian Games. His golden ride in the team event was just better than Pakistan's Fatch Khan and Iraq's Mulkaf A. Mahadi in that order.

In Pakistan's 14-run victory

MIANDAD SLAMS UNBEATEN TON

GUJRANWALA, Pakistan, Dec. 3 (AP) — Pakistan defeated India by 14 runs Friday in their first One-Day International cricket match which was highlighted by an undefeated 306 by Pakistan's Javed Miandad.

In the match, restricted to 40 overs each, Pakistan, which batted first, scored 224 runs for four wickets. India scored 210 for six in reply.

India's Mohinder Amarnath and Yashpal Sharma tried to rally India with some sparkling batting. Amarnath scored 51 before he was caught by Tahir Naqqash off Jalaluddin and Sharma was unbeaten on 57.

Both teams suffered early disasters — Pakistan's opening batsman Mohsin Khan was bowled by Madanlal after scoring only 5 runs and India's skipper Sunil Gavaskar fell an "flaw victim" to Imran Khan after scoring only one run.

Khan captured two of India's wickets for a total of 38 runs and Jalaluddin took another two for 37. Madanlal was India's most successful bowler, taking two wickets for 32 runs.

In scoring his century, Miandad hit a six and 12 fours. Miandad was selected man of the match and was awarded a prize of roughly \$1,000. The Indians will play a three-day match in Rawalpindi beginning Sunday.

Pakistan officials reported in Karachi Friday two of their key players — bowler Abdul Qadir and batsman Haroon Rashid — will not play in the first cricket Test match against India beginning Dec. 10 due to injuries.

Vaqar Hasan, Pakistan's chief selector,



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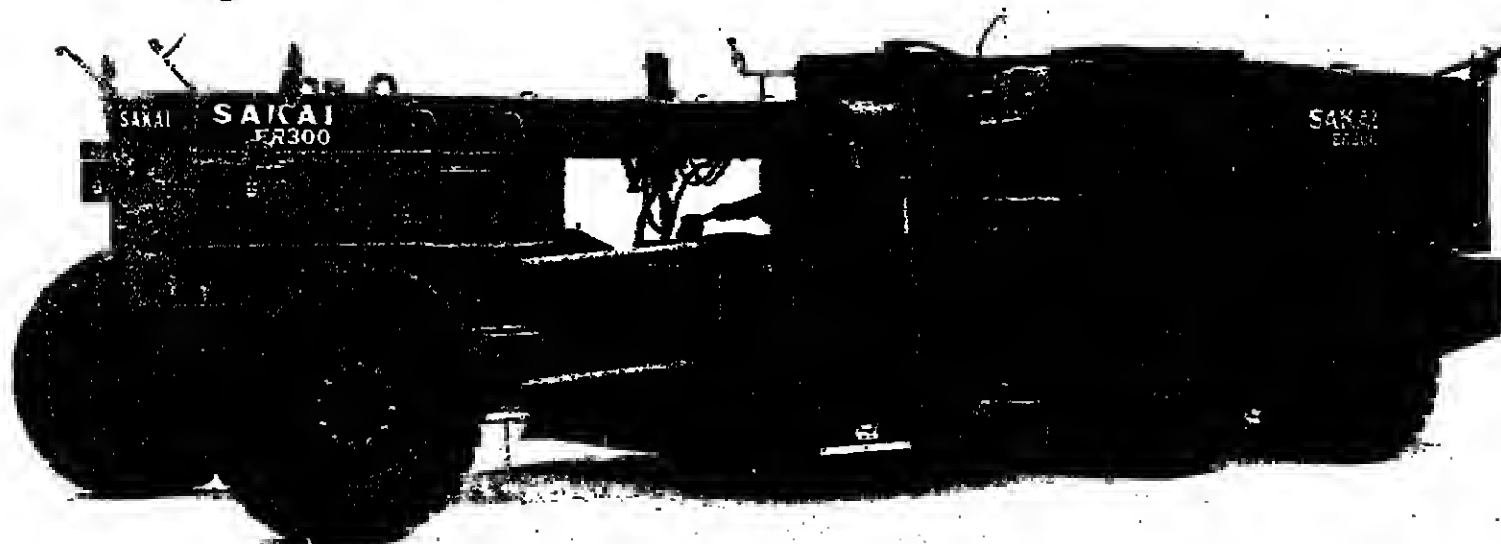
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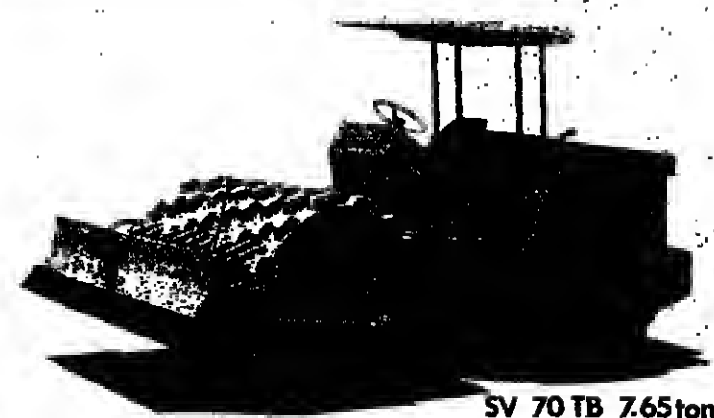
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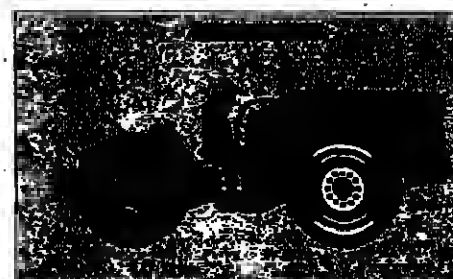
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Rich nations spent \$7b to push exports

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (AP) — Governments of the United States and other wealthy countries spent \$7 billion last year to help pay interest on loans to foreign customers of their industries, the World Bank estimates.

Not-so-wealthy countries also spent public funds in the same way. The bank gave no figures for them, but mentioned Argentina, Brazil, Greece, South Korea, Mexico and Yugoslavia. These countries were also increasing on the receiving end of such subsidies, it noted. Since poor countries are good

BP profits up by 4.9%

LONDON, Dec. 3 (AP) — British Petroleum, the state-owned oil corporation, reported a 4.9 percent increase in after-tax profits during the July-September quarter compared with the same period last year.

BP said profits rose to 213 million pounds (\$340.8 million) from 203 million (\$324.8 million) in the third quarter of 1981.

Pretax profits rose sharply to 675 million pounds (\$1.08 billion) during period compared with 549 million (\$878.4 million) the year before.

Sohio BP's American subsidiary, continued to buoy the group's operating profits which rose from 725 million pounds (\$1.16 billion) in 1981's third quarter to 857 million (\$1.37 billion) this year.

Caracas subway getting ready

CARACAS, Dec. 3 (AP) — Residents of this highly motorized metropolis who have used the city's chronic traffic congestion as an excuse for being late now have to place the blame elsewhere.

"Here comes the metro, the great solution for Caracas." That's the loudly proclaimed message of flashy advertisements that have been appearing on television here. The "great solution" is a \$3.5 billion subway project slated to begin partial operation Jan. 2.

Planners hope the new subway being built with help from two French firms, will take 100,000 vehicles off some of the most congested streets in the world, giving 4 million Caracas inhabitants a lot more breathing room.

"Maybe soon we will have a life in this city that is a little more human," said Antonio Padron, manager of the commercial promotion of Caracas metro in an interview.

"The people in the Western part of the city will be able to spend more time enjoying the parks and shopping malls in the east. Life will change for many people."

Venezuela's vast oil wealth — 2 million barrels a day average this year — financed the hundreds of modern buildings that have sprung up like mushrooms in recent decades throughout the narrow valley that contains

'N-Common Market' proposed

BRUSSELS, Dec. 3 (AFP) — A "nuclear Common Market" with the abolition of the present monopoly on nuclear material supplies was proposed by the commission of the European Economic Community (EEC).

Under Euratom rules, the EEC gets its supplies through an agency that has a monopoly in buying and selling. The commission wants this monopoly to be abolished and a nuclear Common Market set up within the community.

The community has some 50,000 megawatts of nuclear capacity and nuclear power will next year meet some 20 percent of the EEC's energy requirements, the commission notes.

The proposed Common Market would allow investment to be rationalized. Countries without a full industrial-scale nuclear cycle would depend on those who have, and the "haves" would sell more industrial equipment to the "have-nots," says the commission in a plea for solidarity.

The commission explained that under the proposed Common Market, handicaps to free movement of nuclear material and to imports from outside countries would be swept away.

Times have changed since the 1957 Euratom Treaty when only 50 megawatts of capacity was installed, the commission

Belgrade sees trade gap at \$ 2.8b

BELGRADE, Dec. 3 (R) — Yugoslavia expects a foreign trade deficit of about \$2.8 billion this year and a current account payments deficit of only \$50 to \$100 million, according to Foreign Trade Minister Milenko Bojanic.

Announcing foreign trade figures for the first 11 months of 1982, Bojanic expressed optimism Thursday that Yugoslavia would

Iran increases production of oil

LONDON, Dec. 3 (R) — Iran has acknowledged it has stepped up oil production and that exports are now running at an average two million barrels a day.

The national news agency IRNA quoted Deputy Oil Minister Hassan Kheradmand as saying the export total had been reached in spite of what he called vain attempts by Iraqi fighter planes to bomb Kharg Island.

The Kharg Island is Iran's main oil terminal and it came under renewed air attack from the Iraqis late last month.

Kheradmand's comments were a rare departure from normal practice since the start of the two-year-old Gulf war. Officials have usually refused to give oil figures, declaring them a wartime state secret.

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customers of the wealthy ones, the subsidies paid by the governments of rich countries often go for loans to promote sales to the poor ones.

But governments of poorer countries have also subsidized loans to customers in their richer trading partners. "It has been questioned whether developing countries should use their scarce resources to subsidize exports to markets in richer countries," said the report.

"These countries, however, maintain that financial accommodation is a necessary price they must pay to export their manufactures. The report was made by Albert C. Cizauskas, a consultant on export credits at the World Bank.

He said subsidies on interest rates have become a major means of pushing exports. During the current recession, world trade has slumped and all governments try to push their exports — even at the expense of taxpayers — in order to keep factories going and pressure the jobs of workers.

Interest rates were held stable by these subsidies at 7.5 to 8.75 years or more, the report said. This was done at a time, between 1978 and 1981, when regular interest rates often reached 20 percent or even more.

Cizauskas noted that one of the most controversial practices has been the use for trade subsidies of aid money, originally destined to help develop poor countries. This has been done through the use of "mixed credits" — a technique pioneered by France. The practice, he said, has caused considerable friction.

ILO defends patent system against attack

GENEVA, Dec. 3 (AP) — An International Labor Organization study, taking issue with arguments that the world patent system inhibits Third World access to advanced technology, says that the system can actually encourage inventiveness, the ILO has reported.

The patent system deserves "far more positive consideration and support than it has been receiving in most developing countries," the ILO said in summarizing conclusions of the study. "Invention and the patent system in the Third World."

The ILO acknowledged "an understandable lack of enthusiasm for patent protection in most parts of the Third World" because most patents granted in developing countries are owned by outsiders. However, it added, "even if all kinds of advanced technologies were made available to the Third World free of charge, they would not help developing nations" unless the technologies were used as an incentive "to build onto what has been made available. This requires the development of the country's own inventive capacity."

"There seems no reason why these countries cannot use the patent system to as a positive policy instrument to attain this goal," the ILO said.

The study, conducted by senior ILO researcher Susumu Watanabe, cited Brazil, India and South Korea as developing countries that have built up a fairly solid, indigenous technology.

To get out of red Volkswagen banks on robots

WOLFSBURG, Dec. 3 (ONS) — Wolfsburg in West Germany, home of the Volkswagen, is undergoing one of its periodic bouts of gloom.

The town began to flourish in the 1930s with the launch of Hitler's People's Car. It flourished again after the war, but then came the depression of the 1970s when the People's Car began to run out of popularity.

The chairmanship of the remarkable Toni Schmucker brought Volkswagen roaring back to life with a new, trend-setting range but now depression has struck again, with the company's first loss since 1975.

In Wolfsburg, where the biggest of the Volkswagen, German plants is located, the factory is awash with robots, 700 in all, bashing nut body panels, paint spraying and welding car bodies. They represent part of Volkswagen's massive annual investment of \$2 billion this year. The aim is to increase productivity and standards, so there will be no let-up in investment, recession or no.

In the first three-quarters of this year Volkswagen lost \$58 million and the present chairman, Carl Hahn, says that by the end of the year the losses will be worse.

Volkswagen became a victim of the success so brilliantly conceived by Schmucker. The heartland of its car-making business in Germany is still making money but the damage is coming from its imperial outposts — outposts established because the German side of the company had grown as large as it could.

First in the problem zone is the United States operation, which started manufacturing in 1978. Second is the office equipment maker Triumph Adler, the major acquisition in Volkswagen's quest for diversification. And third is Brazil and Argentina, where Volkswagen remains the overwhelming market leader but has been hit hard by massive

manufacturing losses.

Hahn is still in his first year as chairman, having left the company for nine years to run Continental Tyres. He freely admits this is not the best time to move into a job made vacant when Schmucker was forced to retire on grounds of ill-health.

He is a less ebullient figure than his predecessor and is careful to promise little (and reveal little) in discussing the Volkswagen strategy for pulling out of the red. Although the loss is small by international car industry standards, he leads a company which as recently as 1980 was notching up profits in excess of \$127 million.

The core of the strategy appears to be to concentrate on what the company does best — making small to medium-sized cars — and expanding only into areas like car rental, which are closely associated with manufacturing.

U.K. to keep off sea treaty

LONDON, Dec. 3 (AP) — Britain will not sign the United Nations law of the sea convention because of disagreement with deep seabed mining provisions, foreign office Undersecretary of State Malcolm Rifkind told the House of Commons on Thursday.

The United States and three other countries also have rejected the pact, completed at the U.N. eight months ago and backed by 130 nations, seventeen abstained.

Rifkind told legislators: "We could not participate... on the present terms. They are based on undesirable regulatory principles and could constitute unsatisfactory precedents. A number of our friends and allies share our misgivings on these points."

The convention is due for signature at Kingston, Jamaica, on Dec. 10. It seeks to

U.S. recovery hopes clouded

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (R) — Prospects of a general economic recovery in the United States were clouded by government reports of a sharp dip in factory orders and a rise in the number of workers seeking unemployment benefits.

Manufacturing industries struggled through October with a 3.9 percent fall in orders for factory goods, the largest drop in a year, the Commerce Department said Thursday.

A separate report by the Labor Department said initial claims for jobless benefits in the week ending November 27 rose sharply in 654,000, reversing a four-week decline.

Another Commerce Department report said sales of new single-family homes, which rose 28 percent in September, stood still in October at an annual rate of 487,000.

establish international agreement on nearly every aspect of the world's oceans. Rifkind said that while most of the pact codified international rules already in force, provisions relating to deep seabed mining, including the transfer of technology, were unacceptable. The convention stays open for signature for another two years.

At the United Nations, Ambassador Timmy Koh of Singapore, president of the U.N. law of the sea conference, said the British objections were similar to those of the United States.

The Americans, who have been trying to persuade their allies not to sign the treaty, has contended the convention will impede private companies from exploring the mineral resources on the ocean floors.

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American jobless near 12 million mark

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (Agencies) — The U.S. unemployment rate surged to 10.8 percent in November from 10.4 percent in October as another 440,000 Americans joined the ranks of the unemployed, the government reported Friday.

Almost 12 million people were out of work last month, an increase of 4.1 million since the recession began in July, 1981, the Labor Department said.

The jobless rate has not been that high since 1940 when 14.6 percent of the labor force was out of work. The November figures, which showed a higher jobless rate than most analysts anticipated, seems certain to increase political pressures for government action to stimulate the economy.

The failure of the economy to pull itself out of recession has already climbed to the top of the nation's political agenda and Congress is moving rapidly to approve a road-building program it hopes will create more than 300,000 jobs.

Democratic leaders in Congress say they will seek an even more ambitious jobs program when the new legislature meets in January, but the idea is opposed by President Reagan who says the economy is already on the verge of recovery.

Reagan supports the highway construction program, but says more ambitious jobs programs will merely add to inflation by enlarging a federal budget deficit that already threatens to exceed \$170 billion in the current financial year.

A dramatic decline in inflation from more

than 12 percent when Reagan became president in January, 1981, to less than five percent this year has set the stage for an economic rebound, the administration says. But many economists think a recovery is not likely until next spring and that even then the upturn will be too weak to make much of a dent in unemployment.

Reagan's own economists agree it will be several years before joblessness can be reduced to the 7.4 percent rate that prevailed when the Republican president took office. Most of the increase in unemployment to 11.99 million last month was due to a large influx of new job-seekers into the labor market.

Total employment fell a modest 61,000 to 99 million during the month that was down 1.8 million since the recession began. Unemployment for adult men rose to 10.1 percent in November from 9.8 percent in October and joblessness for adult women increased to 9.1 percent from 8.6 percent the month before. The November rates represent post-war highs for both groups.

Meanwhile, President Reagan, who is on a five-nation tour of Latin America, has acknowledged that unemployment is "unacceptably high" and has said creating jobs is his "highest priority."

Both Reagan and Martin S. Feldstein, his chief economic adviser, also have conceded that the nation has not seen the worst of its unemployment problem.

European banks trim base rates

ZURICH, Dec. 3 (R) — Four West European central banks cut their basic interest rates, signalling cheaper money across the region.

Spokesmen said the cuts by the national banks of Switzerland, West Germany, Austria and the Netherlands were made in concert and took into account developments in the money markets.

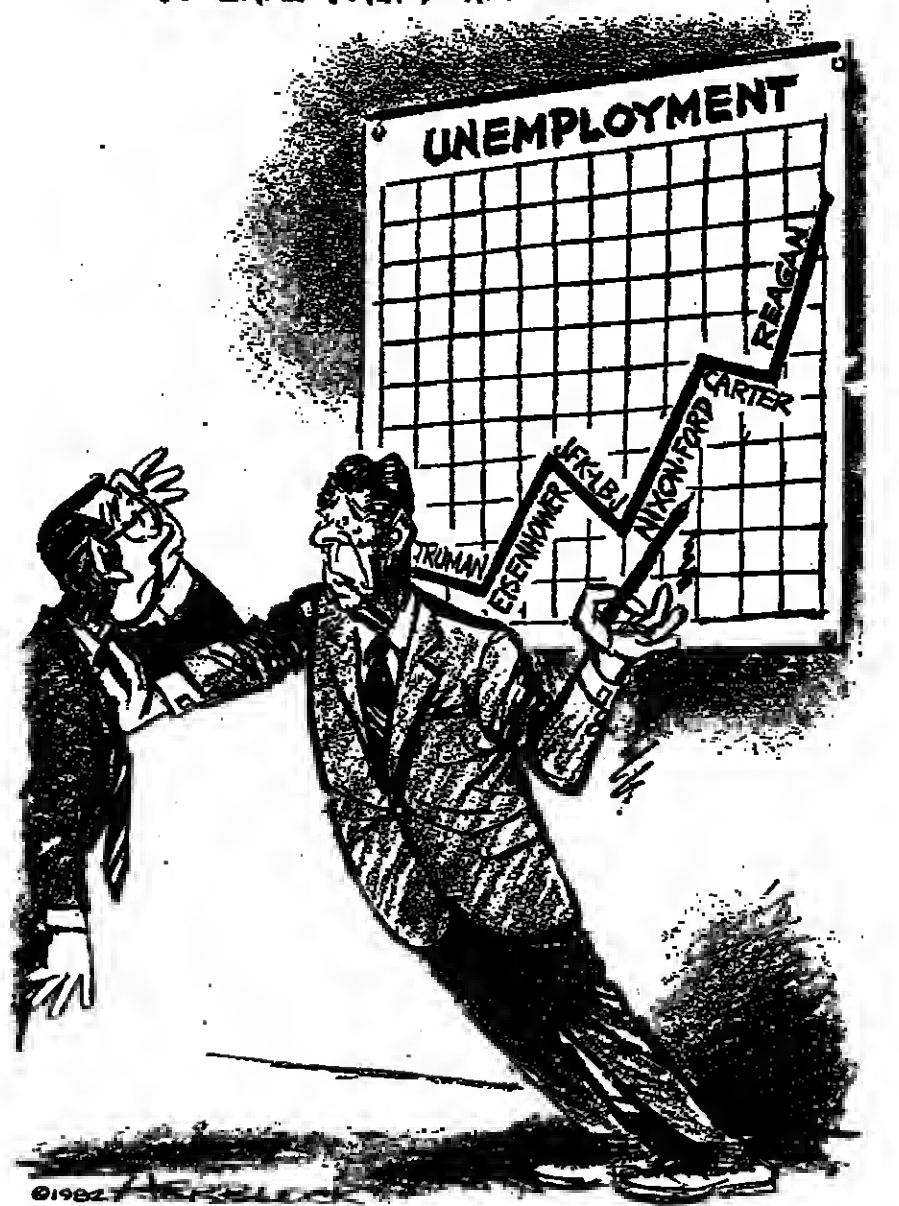
West German Economics Minister Otto Lambsdorff welcomed the Bundesbank's decision to cut its key discount and Lombard rates by a full percentage point to five and six percent respectively, saying such a move would strengthen companies' readiness to invest.

The Bundesbank move followed an announcement by the Swiss National Bank that it was cutting its discount and Lombard rates, the rates it charges to other banks, by half percentage point to 4.5 and six percent.

The Austrian central bank dropped its key interest rates by one point, taking the discount rate to 4.75 percent and the Lombard rate to 5.25 percent.

The Dutch central bank moved its rates down half a point, to five percent for bank rate and 5.5 percent for the secured loans rate.

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Gold drops

Dollar rates shed gains

LONDON, Dec. 3 (AP) — The dollar fell against key currencies Friday after plunging in New York amid expectations a further cut in the U.S. discount rate has imminent. Gold prices also eased.

Dollar rates should have risen following Thursday's cuts in key lending rates by the West German and Swiss central banks. But dealers reported amid nervous trading that Europe's money markets believe U.S. interest rates will also fall soon.

In Tokyo, the U.S. dollar tumbled heavily against the Japanese yen Friday, finishing at 247.85 yen, down from Thursday's close of 250.25 yen. It was also 2.30 yen lower than last Friday's 250.15 yen finish. The closing was the lowest since June 11 when the dollar finished at 247.00 yen.

The dollar was weak throughout the day

after opening at 246.70 yen, market sources said, reflecting a similar trend in overnight trading in New York. Spot turnover totaled \$1.680 billion.

In London, the British pound opened at \$1.6450. It cost \$1.6380 to buy one pound Thursday. The pound later briefly dipped as low as \$1.6365, but inched up again.

Other rates in Europe compared to Thursday's late levels: 6.885 French francs, down from 6.9685; 2.4353 German marks, down from 2.4650; 2.0887 Swiss francs, down from 2.1022; 1.41125 Italian lira, down from 1.42520; 2.6865 Dutch guilders, down from 2.7150; 1.23755 Canadian dollars, down from 1.24125.

The price of gold opened in London at \$443.25 an ounce, down \$3.25 from Thursday's close. The center's five major bullion houses later "fixed" the recommended trading price at \$440.75.

In Zurich, bullion opened at \$442.75, down \$3.25 from Thursday's close. It later slipped to \$441.75 in quiet trading.

In Hong Kong gold closed at \$440.25, \$4.077 up on Thursday's close. Silver was virtually unchanged in London.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollar per troy ounce):
London: 440.80
Paris: 442.40
Frankfurt: 441.99
Zurich: 440.58
Hong Kong: 440.25

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Sequel to fall in imports Turkey's trade gap declines

ANKARA, Dec. 3 (AP) — Turkey's foreign trade deficit in the first nine months of this year has narrowed to \$2.4 billion from \$3.5 billion in the same period last year, according to commerce ministry statistics obtained Friday.

This was due to a 4.8 percent fall in imports and a 27 percent rise in exports.

In the first three quarters of this year, Turkish exports registered \$3.8 billion and imports stood at \$6.2 billion. The share of Middle East and African countries in total Turkish exports jumped to 52.3 percent from 43.8 percent previously as a result of Turkey's aggressive export drive in the region to offset virtual stagnation in trade with Western countries.

Iraq emerged as Turkey's largest trading partner with a total volume of \$1.49 billion. Turkey imported \$1 billion worth of crude oil from Iraq and sold export items worth \$487 million.

Fanfani views economic woes

ROME, Dec. 3 (R) — Prime Minister Amintore Fanfani, returning to power after almost two decades, began the task of tackling the grave economic problems which ultimately brought down Italy's last two governments.

But as the 74-year-old Christian Democrat summoned the first meeting of his four-party coalition, industry leaders expressed skepticism over the new government's ability to do better than its predecessors.

Carlo Ferroni, deputy leader of the emp-

Ruhr steel firm lays off 3,600

DUISBURG, West Germany, Dec. 3 (R) — The crisis in the West German steel industry intensified Friday as Krupp's Stahl, one of the largest European steel companies, laid off 3,600 workers in the stricken Ruhr district.

Krupp Stahl said the catastrophic fall in steel demand and sharp competition on the European steel market was forcing it to partially shut down its Rheinhausen steel works in Duisburg within the next two years.

Last month the company announced that 1,300 of the plant's 10,000 workers would lose their jobs under separate cutback plans.

"The news has come as a hammer blow to the city," a local official of the West German Trade Union Federation, (DGB) said Friday. Union officials believe the company may eventually make up to 5,000 redundant under the plan announced Friday.

Over 12 percent of Duisburg's 230,000 workforce are jobless and another 30,000 are working short time. Union officials said before Friday's news that the city's unemployment rate could rise to 20 percent next year.

Japan pressed to ease farm imports

TOKYO, Dec. 3 (R) — U.S. officials took a tough stand at bilateral trade talks with Japan which opened here Friday, demanding an early timetable for moves to open the Japanese market to more agricultural imports, foreign ministry sources said.

The U.S. also pressed Japan for action to deal with current customs and standards testing procedures, which U.S. officials claim act as a barrier to wider access of American-manufactured products to the Japanese market.

The two-day meeting of the U.S.-Japan trade sub-committee on specific trade issues will be followed by annual sub-cabinet level talks next week at which U.S. and Japanese officials will review the broad spectrum of

West Germany was second with \$475 million worth of imports from Turkey and \$730 million worth of exports. Iran ranked third with 481 million in exports and 440 million in imports.

In the first nine months, U.S. exports to Turkey went up to \$555 million from previous 407 million but imports sagged from 152 million last year to 124.8 million this year.

Among Western countries France fared worst as a trading partner. French exports to Turkey were reduced by 42 percent from last year, going down to \$192 million. Turkish exports to France remained stable at \$135 million.

Relations are strained between the two countries, with Turkey charging that France spearheads efforts at the European Economic Community to restrict imports of Turkish textiles, the major industrial export item of this country.

loyers' federation Confindustria, issued a statement saying the means chosen by the government to avert economic disaster seemed obscure.

The government has said it will reduce inflation, currently running at over 17 percent, to 13 percent next year and 10 percent in 1984. It has also undertaken to cut 15,000 billion lira (\$10 billion) next year off the country's 70,000 billion lira (\$47 billion) public sector deficit.

But an austerity program to achieve this has been softened at Socialist insistence and political sources said it was now unclear how these goals would be achieved.

An earlier commitment to changing the system of linking wage increases to the inflation rate — the "scala mobile" — has been dropped, and proposed cuts in pensions and social security payments have been watered down.

Discussions between unions and Confindustria on reform of the scala mobile broke down last month. The sources said the government's attempt to revive these and bring them to a successful conclusion could be its first major test. Confindustria has said it will unilaterally abandon the system at the end of the year.

With the economic program vague on specific measures to reduce public spending and inflation, the tensions between Socialists and Christian Democrats which plagued the last two coalitions appeared likely to return.

These two parties dominate the coalition, which took office Wednesday and includes the small Liberal and Social Democratic parties. The Republicans, who provided the leader of the last two governments, Giovanni Spadolini, have left because they say Fanfani's economic policies are not drastic enough.

The U.S. trade deficit with Japan stood at \$16 billion in 1981 and is expected to approach \$20 billion this year.

U.S. officials said they would continue to push for complete liberalization of beef and orange imports but were prepared to negotiate an expansion of current quotas if substantial progress was possible, and asked for a reply from the Japanese side by Jan. 1, the sources said.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 6:30 p.m. Thursday	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.135
Bangladesh Taka	14.30
Belgian Franc (1,000)	71.35
Canadian Dollar	278.00
Deutsche Mark (100)	139.75
Dutch Guilder (100)	127.00
Egyptian Pound	3.25
Emirati Dirham (100)	32.25
French Franc (100)	93.25
Greek Drachma (1,000)	49.60
Indian Rupee (100)	48.90
Iranian Rial (100)	35.49
Iraqi Dinar	6.25
Italian Lira (10,000)	24.30
Japanese Yen (1,000)	13.95
Jordanian Dinar	9.62
Kuwaiti Dinar	11.83
Lebanese Lira (100)	85.80
Moroccan Dirham (100)	54.63
Pakistani Rupee (100)	29.25
Philippines Peso (100)	38.45
Pound Sterling	5.63
Qatari Riyal (100)	93.50
Singapore Dollar (100)	156.82
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	29.40
Swiss Franc (100)	30.20
Syrian Lira (1,000)	60.55
Turkish Lira (1,000)	60.42
U.S. Dollar	3.45
Yemeni Rial (100)	75.25
Gold kg.	49,400
10 Tolas bar	5,765
Ounce	1,535

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"	Building a stationery store at Ranyah village	M/15	3,500	Dec. 12
"	Building an agricultural annex at Ranyah	M/10	200	Nov. 28
"	Temporary asphaltting and lighting in Khatib	M/11	200	Nov. 28
"	"	M/12	1,500	Nov. 29

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4.	Hellenic Sky	Alpah	Rice/Foodstuff	27.11.82
5.	Barakatallah	O.C.E.	Tiles/Timber/Gen.	27.11.82
6.	Ibn Yunus	Kanoo	Containers/General	30.11.82
9.	Valeria	Alireza	Stiff Pipes/Cable/Gen.	24.11.82
11.	Mir	Atzar	Bagged Sugar	23.11.82
12.	Kota Maju	Barnadiah	Loading/Gen.	19.11.81
14.	Bora Universal	Star	Bananas	23.11.82
15.	Union Kingston	O.C.E.	Steel/Containers/Gen.	24.11.82
17.	Sheerren	H.S.S.C.	Tiles/Timber	26.11.82
18.	Achilleus	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	20.11.82
19.	Grena	Alasabah	Bulk Cement	25.11.82
20.	Fushimi Maru	Alireza	General	26.11.82
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22.	Saudi Pride	M.E.S.A.	Steel/Wire/Gen.	24.11.82
24.	Arlon	Shobokhshi	F.Lift/Steel/Tim	25.11.82
25.	Kotay	O.C.E.	Hydrated Lime	21.11.82
26.	Durrmitor	S.N.I.	Contr/Lube Oil	25.11.82
28.	Pagassas	Altawil	Wheat/Rice/Corn	25.11.82
32.	Nagash	Al Tawil	Fish Meal/Steel/Gen.	23.11.82
32.	Tropical Beauty	Globe	Steel/General	22.11.82
33.	Saronic Reifer	Star	Citrus Fruits	23.11.82
35.	Nedkoyd Tasman	Alafas	Containers	26.11.82
37.	Vila De Bunkerque	Shobokhshi	Containers	25.11.82
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6.	Canis Minor	S.E.A	Timber/Plywood	30.11.82
7.	Al Shiddiah	Kanoo	General	26.11.82
8.	Al Rashid	Gosaibi	Gen/Soyameal	26.11.82
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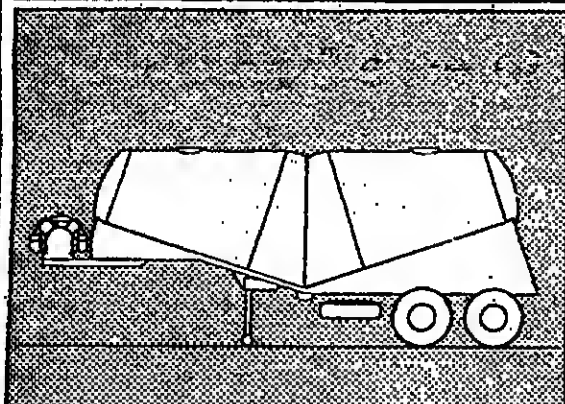
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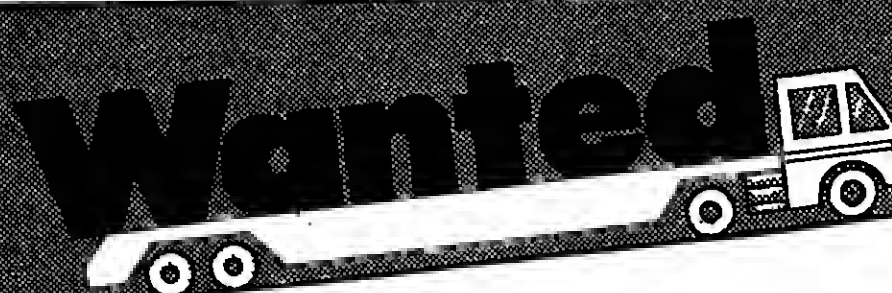
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Moscow retaliation expected

U.K. expels Soviet diplomat for 'spying'

LONDON, Dec. 3 (R) — Britain is expelling the Soviet naval attaché in London, implicitly accusing him of spying. A Foreign Office spokesman said the Soviet Embassy had been told to send home its naval attaché, Capt. Anatoli Zotov, because he had been "engaging in activities incompatible with his official status."

This is the usual diplomatic parrance for spying, though the spokesman refused to go into detail. He said the charge d'affaires at the Soviet Embassy had been summoned to the Foreign Office Wednesday and told that Capt. Zotov must be recalled within a week. Capt. Zotov, married, is one of 44 diplomats listed at the Soviet mission in London.

Britain has expelled two Soviet officials for alleged espionage activities in the last 18 months. One was a trade representative ordered out last April and the other a second secretary expelled in August 1981.

In 1971 there was a mass expulsion of suspected Soviet spies. Britain ordered out 105 Soviet citizens, 45 of them diplomats. Diplomatic sources said Friday they would not be surprised if the Soviet Union retaliated for the expulsion of the naval attaché by ordering a British diplomat out of Moscow.

The latest expulsion comes three weeks after British linguist Geoffrey Prime was jailed for 35 years as a Soviet spy. Prime, 44, had worked as a Russian linguist at the British government's top-secret intelligence communications center at Cheltenham, in western England.

The Press Association, Britain's national news agency, quoted well-placed British sources as saying the expulsion of Capt. Zotov was not connected with the Prime case, or another spy trial now under way at London's Old Bailey Criminal Court.

The man on trial, Professor Hugh Hambleton, has been accused of passing secrets to the Soviet Union while working at NATO in Paris from 1956 to 1961 and later while engaged as an economics professor at Laval University in Quebec City, Canada.

At the Soviet Embassy, officials refused to discuss the expulsion of Capt. Zotov. "We have nothing to say at all," a spokesman said.

Poles may delay lifting of siege until Dec. 23

WARSAW, Dec. 3 (Agencies) — Martial law in Poland will not be lifted until Dec. 23, parliamentary sources said here Friday. Earlier reports said the state of siege would probably be lifted on Dec. 13 — the first anniversary of its introduction.

The sources said parliament will meet that day to give the bill ending martial law its first reading and that this would be followed by a political debate. The text will be voted on Dec. 23, for which an official agenda has not yet been published.

This timetable means that martial law will still be in effect for the sensitive date of Dec. 16 — anniversary of the 1970 Baltic ports riots — but there will still be time to release internees for Christmas. Under the text, suspended organizations — including the writers and filmmakers' associations — which have not yet been rehabilitated will be dissolved.

Meanwhile, Poland's Communist leaders are considering radical changes to government structure next year, including introduction of a French-style presidential system, Western diplomats said.

They said senior members of the government had told Western ambassadors recently that a number of major reforms were being discussed which would reshape the Polish political system, but that no firm decisions had been taken.

Among the proposals being considered was the creation of a Christian Democratic Party which would have a fixed number of seats in the Sejm (parliament) and would be permitted to monitor and criticize some aspects of state policy.

The aim of the changes was to establish a stronger system of central government but also to create a "safety valve" within parliament enabling the church and opposition forces to air their views, the diplomats said. The government ministers had said the reforms, if approved, would probably be introduced in the middle of next year. Until then, the military-led administration would stay in power.

The discussion of the changes resulted from general agreement among Polish leaders that it would be unwise to return to the orthodox style of Communist government which existed before martial law, the diplomats said. This seemed to reflect continuing weakness and division in the Communist Party, which has yet to resume a major role in Polish life.

The ministers confirmed to the Western envoys that there were firm plans to lift martial law this month, but said there would be no immediate structural changes as a result.

Big sisters are bossy, Di says

LONDON, Dec. 3 (AP) — All big sisters are bossy, Princess Diana told a 6-year-old during a visit to a London children's hospital. The 21-year-old wife of heir to the throne Prince Charles has plenty of experience of older sisters. She has two, both married, Lady Jane Fellowes and Lady Sarah McCorquodale.

So when little Anna Kennedy, a patient at Great Ormond Street Hospital, told the princess that she had a big sister, Diana asked within earshot of reporters: "Does she boss you about?" Anna said yes and the princess replied, "I know. They all do."

Another patient, 3-year-old Adam Walford, said he was sorry he had no flowers to give the princess. "Don't worry, smell these," she said, holding a bouquet of white and yellow freesias and roses. "Yuk, they smell horrible," the little boy complained. The princess commented with a laugh: "typical. Men."

Labor keeps seat

GLASGOW, Scotland, Dec. 3 (R) — Britain's opposition Labor Party retained a Scottish parliamentary seat Thursday night with an easy margin of victory in a low turnout by voters. Helen McElhonn won a byelection with 8,851 votes. Her husband Frank represented the Queens Park constituency in the House of Commons until he collapsed and died after taking part in a health workers' protest march.

Only Scottish Nationalist Peter Mallon improved on his party's performance in the 1980 general election, taking second place with 3,157 votes and forcing the ruling Conservative Party into third place.

Last month Britain announced it had given asylum to a Soviet diplomat who defected from his embassy in Tehran. British officials identified him as Vladimir Kuzichkin and described him as "a big fish." Some British press reports said he was an agent of the Soviet KGB secret police and that he might name Soviet agents in Britain.

The Press Association reported Soviet sources as charging that the expulsion was an attempt by British security services to prove their efficiency, as a series of spy scandals hit the front pages of British newspapers. The sources also suggested that Britain might try to use the Zotov case to discredit new Soviet leader Yuri Andropov, the agency said.



NEW UNIFORM: The Defense Department in Washington released this photo showing the new U.S. Army camouflage fatigue uniform. The new helmet, which replaces the standard M-1 Hadfield, offers increased head coverage and better ballistic protection.

UNESCO agrees on media order

PARIS, Dec. 3 (R) — The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) agreed Friday on a framework for a new world information order, despite Western reservations that it could result in increased censorship.

Western countries, including the United States, stressed during the final stages of a special UNESCO conference that they would continue to fight any efforts to give international bodies such as UNESCO rights over the flow of news.

The new provisions are intended to further the development of Third World media through the improvement of their communications, the training of journalists and the lessening of their dependence on the Western media.

The consensus reached by the West, the Third World and Communist countries after two weeks of diplomatic bargaining explicitly referred at Western insistence to the value of a free press and journalistic investigation of abuses of official power.

UNESCO Secretary-General Ahmadou Mahtar M'bow, whose relations with the Western media have frequently been prickly during a controversy over the information issue, said he intended to respect freedom of information.

But in response to Western demands that UNESCO should have no right to judge the content of news reports, he said he reserved the right to examine at least those dealing with the organization. He said UNESCO would launch a study of the way the present conference has been reported.

M'bow said UNESCO had been misrepresented in the past and he accused newspapers of failing to publish its clarifications of what he called tendentious reporting.

The United States told the conference it was pleased that the documents adopted "recognized the positive contribution the media can make in scrutinizing activities which might lead to abuses of power." The delegation said the United States opposed the idea that the international community should concern itself with the contents of news reports.

Britain described as unacceptable any suggestion that "UNESCO has a role over either the content of news flow or over what the media are permitted to do."

Their position was disputed by the Soviet Union and other Communist bloc countries and Third World states. They wanted firm guidelines for journalistic conduct.

MX program still faces challenge

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (R) — President Reagan's plan for the MX missile and B-1 bomber edged through a major committee of Congress but still face challenges in the full House of Representatives next week. The weapons are part of the Reagan administration's \$1,600 billion defense buildup over five years, which has not been seriously cut by Congress so far.

In a qualified victory for the president's "dense pack" MX missile-basing system, the House Appropriations Committee Thursday rejected a motion to stop funds for producing the first five MX missiles. The vote was tied 26-26, meaning that the motion was defeated.

But the committee approved an amendment prohibiting most of the money from being spent until next March 15 and directing the Defense Department to give Congress more details on the MX system before then. An effort to cut all \$4 billion for the new B-1 bomber was rejected by 29 y votes to 17.

Rep. Joseph Addabbo, a Democrat who sought the cuts in the committee, said he would try again in the full house, adding that he believed he could force defeat of the MX production money. A supporter of the system, Republican Rep. Jack Edwards, admitted: "We're not out of the woods."

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SALT adjourned

GENEVA, Dec. 3 (R) — U.S.-Soviet Strategic Arms Limitation Talks in Geneva have been adjourned until Feb. 2 to allow delegations to consult in their national capitals, a spokesman for the U.S. mission said Friday.

The talks covering long-range nuclear weapons began at the end of June, adjourned in August and then resumed again on Oct. 6. The last session was held Thursday and the break had been previously planned, the U.S. spokesman said.

Since the latest round began, President Reagan has announced plans to deploy 100 new MX intercontinental missiles. The Soviet Union condemned this as a breach of existing SALT accords, a charge rejected by the United States. On Nov. 30 the two governments adjourned to Jan. 27 parallel talks on medium-range missiles which they have been holding in Geneva.

Tornadoes hit America

NEW YORK, Dec. 3 (AP) — A freak December wave of tornadoes tore through three states in the Mississippi valley, killing six persons, injuring more than 140 and leaving hundreds homeless Friday from wind damage or floods caused by thunderstorms.

Heavy rain from the thunderstorms and twisters in Arkansas, Missouri and Illinois also swelled rivers to flood stage, leaving water waist-high in some homes and 3 1/2 feet deep in streets. One person died in a storm-related traffic accident near Chicago and up to three persons were missing when a pickup truck was swept down a flooded creek in Normal, Illinois.

The violent storms were touched off Thursday when a cold front moving east bumped into unseasonably warm air that was setting record temperatures across the Ohio valley, forecasters said.

Bulgarian implicated

ROME, Dec. 3 (AFP) — A second Bulgarian official is reportedly implicated in the assassination attempt on Pope John Paul II in May last year, the Italian weekly paper *L'Espresso* said.

In its edition which will go on sale Monday, the paper said that Mehmet Ali Agca, now serving a life sentence for shooting the pope, had given police the names of two Bulgarians. One, Ivanov Antonov, was arrested in Rome. The second was Vassilev Juelio Kolev, secretary of the Bulgarian military attaché in Rome, the paper claimed.

The paper, which gave no source, said the official left Italy in June last year. It also claimed that Kolev appeared on photographs taken in St. Peter's Square the day of the assassination bid.

Eanes leaves for visits

LISBON, Dec. 3 (AP) — Portuguese President Antonio Ramalho Eanes Friday headed for state visits to Guinea-Bissau and Algeria, his third official African tour in a year.

With an entourage including representatives of Portuguese business, banking and government, Eanes was to meet with leaders of both African nations on the six-day sojourn.

Africa joins U.N. fracas

on Columbus

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 3 (AP) — The heated "who discovered America?" fracas at the United Nations reached out to embroil Africa, prompting Latin American and Caribbean delegates Thursday to seek a protracted cooling off period.

The 32-member Latin American-Caribbean group met behind closed doors for three hours and decided to request a second postponement — perhaps indefinitely — of a vote on a resolution calling on the world body to commemorate in 1992 the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' discovery of America.

The United States and its arch Latin American adversaries — Cuba and Nicaragua — are among the resolution's 36 co-sponsors. Most of the sponsors are from the Western hemisphere, but they also include Italy, Columbus' native land, and Spain, under whose banner Columbus sailed to the New World.

Last Monday, the 157-nation assembly put off the vote for a week after Icelandic and Irish delegates light-heartedly challenged Columbus' right to be hailed as the discoverer of America. They put in respective counterclaims for Leif Ericson, a Viking who may have reached New Foundland in 1000, and for St. Brendan, a 7th century Irish monk and navigator. This caused Spanish and Latin American delegates to vent their anger at what they regarded as Irish-Icelandic insults and "mockery."

Ambassador Hodur Helgason of Iceland, voicing historical Nordic opposition to the resolution, aroused African anti-colonialist sentiments by describing the Columbus resolution as "the first one in the history of the United Nations which commemorates colonialism."

A Libyan diplomat, Awad S. Burwin, whose country currently heads the 51-nation African group, said Thursday that the Africans were opposed to commemorating an event that smacked of "racism and colonialism." Burwin said the Africans drew a parallel between European colonization of the Americas and of Africa.

The controversial resolution describes Columbus' landing on the island of San Salvador on Oct. 12, 1492, as a "decisive step toward the achievement of a clear conception of our planet, as well as an opening up of opportunities for contact and understanding among the various civilizations and people of the earth."

Irish Ambassador Noel Dorris admitted to a reporter Thursday that he was joking when he challenged the Columbus discovery and had intended to support the resolution, although he felt 10 years of preparations for the quinqucentenary was an excessive amount of time.

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Nuclear metaphysics

By Ian Mather

LONDON (LOS) — The Soviet leaders, perceiving an opportunity to inflict military defeat on the United States, order an out-of-the-blue attack on America's land-based intercontinental missiles.

From their bases along the Trans-Siberian Railway, the huge Soviet missiles, armed with up to eight warheads each, fly across the North Pole and with pin-point accuracy destroy all America's 1,052 Minuteman and Titan missiles in their silos.

At this point the U.S. president faces an appalling dilemma. Having lost his "first-strike" missiles — that is, those with the greatest accuracy — he can order America's so-called "second strike" nuclear weapons, those hidden at sea in submarines, to destroy Russian population centers. But he knows that such a course of action will result in the Kremlin launching its own second-strike weapons, destroying American civilization. So he calls a halt. Not being prepared to blow up the world — including himself and his family — he sues for peace. The Russians have won.

This is the so-called "window of vulnerability." According to this doctrine, Russia has exploited the years of détente to improve the accuracy of its missiles and develop the technique of arming them with multiple warheads to such an extent that America's land-based missiles are vulnerable to total destruction by a pre-emptive strike by only a part of the Soviet land-based forces. It is the view of much, but not all, of the U.S. military establishment, and President Reagan has announced his solution to the problem.

One hundred MX missiles, now dubbed "Peacekeepers," are to be installed in Wyoming in silos in a "dense-pack" formation enabling them to survive a Soviet attack through "fratricide" — an untested theory according to which Soviet warheads would disable each other through blast, radiation and debris, allowing some of the American missiles to survive.

Is such a scenario plausible? The problem with nuclear strategists is that they have developed such arcane, complex ideas that deterrence theories have become a "nuclear metaphysics," rivaling the debates of medieval scholastics about the number of angels that can dance on the head of a pin. Commonsense suggests that in real life no Soviet leadership could possibly contemplate a first strike against America's land-based missiles unless they had gone collectively insane. And if that happened, the advent of the MX or any other new missile systems would presumably not deter them anyway.

Consider the "window of vulnerability." Could a Soviet leader really be sure that all his missiles would work and hit their targets?

The mathematical uncertainties involved in sending large numbers of missiles over vast distances have been demonstrated by J. Edward Anderson, professor of mechanical engineering and director of the industrial engineering division at the University of Minnesota. Professor Anderson invented and developed the long-range ballistic missile guidance system capable of mid-course correction, led the development of the inertial reference system for Polaris submarines, and directed the advanced development of solar probe spacecraft.

He calculates that, even if the accuracy of Soviet missiles is as good as the CIA claims (within 300 ft), then 108 of America's existing 1,000 Minuteman missiles — enough to ensure devastating retaliatory damage on the Soviet Union — would remain intact after a "surgical strike" by the Russians. If, to be on the conservative side, Soviet leaders allowed for half this accuracy figure, that is to within 600 ft, the charts show that no fewer than 606 Minuteman missiles would be left. "Test firing along other routes (than the Polar one) cannot be regarded as adequate 'rehearsals' because of anomalies in the earth's gravitational field," he says.

Even if the missile strike were successful, what then? The contention that the U.S. leadership would either have to absorb the horror of 10 million dead Americans and do nothing or else launch an all-out attack on Soviet cities and provoke retaliation is perhaps a false dilemma. The United States could detonate enough weapons in the Russian countryside to kill 10 million people. It could attack militarily significant targets away from cities. The idea that Russia could demand and receive political concessions after a successful attack seems dubious. Suppose the Russians demanded that the West leave Berlin? The West could simply refuse.

If the Russians then attacked American cities with nuclear weapons, the Americans would counterattack with their missiles in submarines. Or the Russians could launch a conventional attack in Europe. But they could presumably do that now anyway.

The point which advocates of MX find hardest to answer is that, as long as the United States has enough surviving nuclear weapons to destroy Soviet cities, the Soviet Union cannot derive any military or political benefit from its nuclear weapons, no matter when or where it attacked. The fact is that the United States nuclear arsenal is deployed in a much more flexible and "survivable" way than that of the Soviet Union.

Both sides employ a "triad" of land-based, submarine-based and bomber-based nuclear weapons. According to the latest totals from the International Institute for Strategic Studies, the Americans have 24 percent of their nuclear weapons on land, 25 percent on bombers and no less than 51 percent in submarines. This means they would have more than 7,000 nuclear warheads left, even if all their land-based nuclear missiles were destroyed.

The Americans are years ahead of the Russians in submarine warfare. Not one of their submarines has ever been tracked successfully by a Russian submarine. The Russians, on the other hand, have 72 percent of their missiles on land, 24 percent at sea, and only 4 percent on bombers. So the Russians have good reason to be concerned about the vulnerability of their own land-based systems. The MX missile is more sophisticated, more accurate, and carries more warheads than the present generation of American land-based missiles.

It was not surprising that the Russians should have responded to Reagan's announcement by accusing the United States itself of seeking a first-strike capability and escalating the arms race. It is doubtful whether either side can expect to restore the invulnerability of its land-based missiles in future. Advances in technology have probably rendered such a concept obsolete.

The "dense-pack" concept was the thirty-fourth option considered by the Americans in the search for an invulnerable MX-basing method. President Carter proposed moving each missile covertly around a "race-track" with 23 silos per missile, so that the Russians would not know where all the missiles were at any one time. The proposal was ridiculed by Reagan when he was a presidential candidate and ultimately dropped as too expensive.

"Dense-pack" is equally unlikely to satisfy the needs of the ultra-hawks in the Pentagon. One way in which the Russians could attack would be to use a technique called "pin-down." They would send their missiles in waves timed to create a continuous cloud of debris over the area so that the American missiles could not be launched. Alternatively, they could use earth-penetrating warheads which would not explode until they were underground, thus minimizing "fratricide" effects while blowing up the American silos.

"I do not feel confident enough to say whether fratricide would work or not," Robert Nutrick, assistant director of the International Institute for Strategic Studies, said. "The phenomenon is not well understood. There is so little data, largely because of the 1963 Partial Test Ban Treaty, which prohibited atmospheric tests. But just as it is difficult to prove that it would work for the Americans, so it is difficult for the Russians to know that they can overcome it."

The real reasons for the decision to go ahead with MX probably have more to do with inter-service rivalry and pride. After World War II the idea of a "triad" developed not only as a hedge against vulnerability but also as a means of giving the U.S. Navy and Air Force a "piece of the action" in strategic weaponry.

Two further doctrines then evolved. First, the services insisted that their own legs of the triad must be capable on their own of surviving a nuclear attack and of retaliating. Second, the dogma developed that the land-based component of the triad was militarily and politically the most important, because it had advantages such as exceptionally reliable command and control, the ability to switch targets rapidly, and superior accuracy.

As the MX faces mounting hostility in the United States on the grounds of crippling cost and dubious "survivability," both these doctrines will come under close scrutiny. The outcome may be that the MX will never be built.

MX and the Kremlin's choices

By Mark Frankland

MOSCOW (LOS) — The Soviet reaction to President Reagan's MX decision has been swift and sharp but no means entirely bleak. The speed with which a detailed rebuttal of Reagan's arguments for deploying the missile was prepared and printed in *Pravda*, as well as the straightforwardness of much of its language, may reflect the style now to be expected from Yuri Andropov's Moscow.

Its sharpness was predictable. The Soviet Union argues that America is now preparing a first-strike nuclear arsenal, of which the MX and the Pershing-2 missiles planned for deployment in NATO are seen as the key components.

Now the MX decision has been taken, Soviet officials and the Soviet press will make even more of the recent Kremlin pledge not to use nuclear weapons first.

The tone of the Soviet reply reflects many old grudges: that America has tried in the past and is trying again to establish Pax Americana in the world and to squeeze the

Russians out of it, that once again it is America that is forcing a reluctant Soviet Union, in pure self-defence, to set off on a new round of the arms race.

The essential undercurrent of Soviet resentment — which has again come to the surface because of the MX decision — is that America has not and does not want to come to terms with the Soviet Union as an equal.

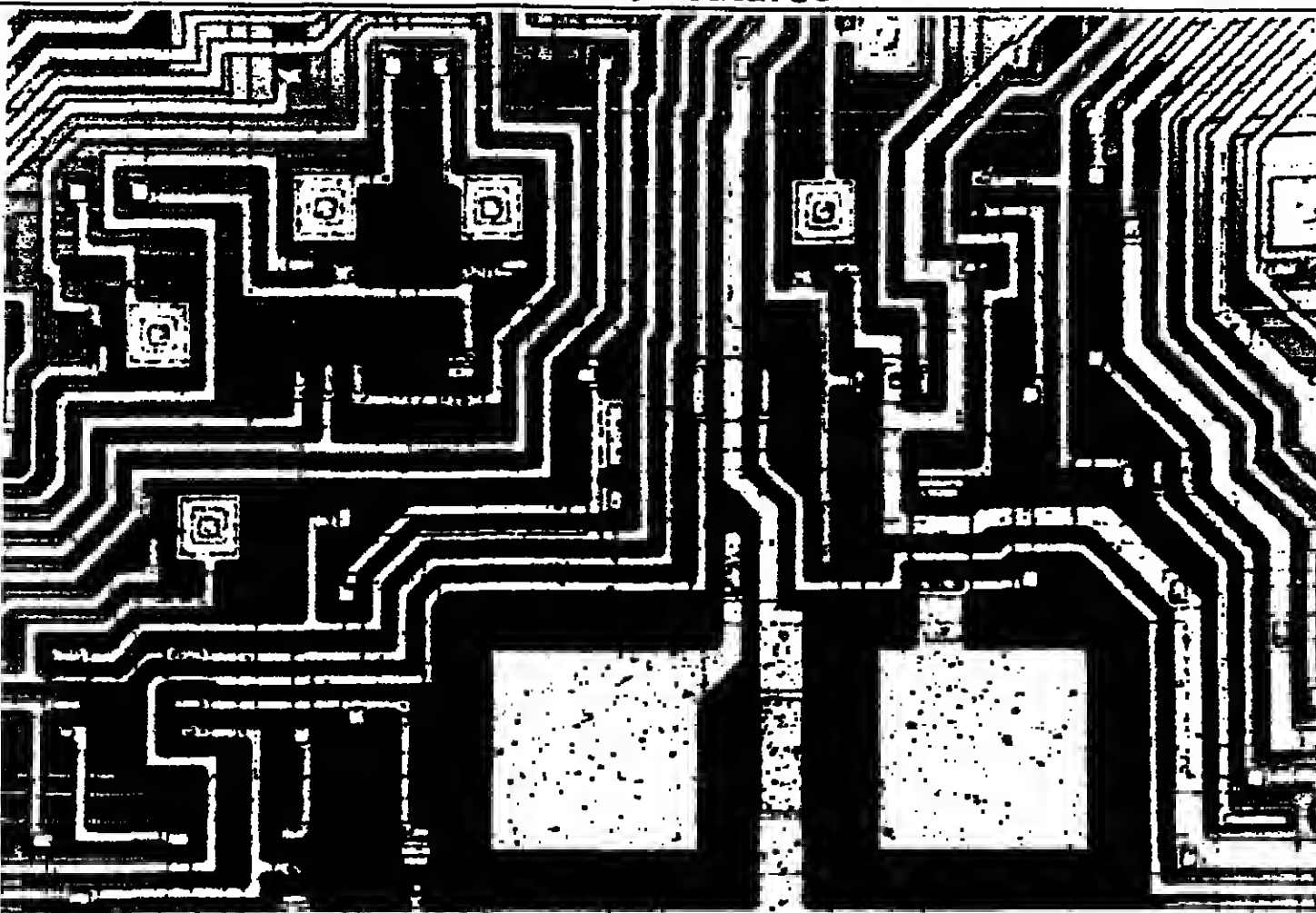
MX and the other new American strategic weapons programmes leave the Russians with three choices. The least likely is to do nothing and perhaps to let America be seen to have a strategic superiority.

The fall-back choice is to match the Reagan military measures. The *Pravda* statement used some interesting words here. "The Soviet Union does not intend to chase off the USA in the creation of each new weapons system, to imitate them. But this absolutely does not mean that the Soviet Union will not find an objective answer to Washington if it begins to realize its plans."

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MICROELECTRONICS : The Bonn government has set up a 300-million-mark program intended to promote the use of microelectronics and to strengthen the competitiveness of the German economy on the international market. The program aims at safeguarding existing jobs and creating new ones in the microelectronics sector. The United States and Japan have, meanwhile, brought about a revolutionary development in machine construction, particularly toolmaking machines, with the use of electronic components.

American patience wearing thin

Japanese dominate high-tech world

By Stuart Auerbach

WASHINGTON (WP) — Japan's government-supported high-tech industries are becoming so sophisticated that by 1990 there is a "reasonable probability" that America's defense establishment will become dependent on them for vital national security needs, a top Reagan administration trade official said recently. Those needs include semiconductors, telecommunications equipment and computers.

"It is my belief that U.S. high-tech industries, as a class, are seriously threatened by Japan's targeted industry practice," in which the government picks areas for Japanese businesses to attempt to gain world predominance, said commerce undersecretary Lionel H. Olmer.

U.S. administration spokesmen have attacked the Japanese for failing to live up to past promises to reduce trade barriers and

have insisted that America's patience is wearing thin. The issue of the potential Japanese domination of the world's high-tech markets is coming under increasing discussion in government agencies and private think tanks.

Japan has captured such a large portion of the world's market for semiconductors — tiny chips first developed in the United States that are key to modern microelectronics — that many scientists and trade officials fear it threatens to do the same in the computer field.

At present, Japan annually exports to the United States about \$150 million more semiconductors than U.S. firms sell there.

The most conspicuous recent example of Japan's ability to take over the market for high-tech products is the 64K RAM (64,000 bits of random access memory) Silicon chip that can hold more information than a roomful of old computers. Although the inch-long chip was developed in Northern California's

Silicon Valley, Japan now holds more than half of the 64K RAM market, which is expected to reach \$1 billion in sales soon.

The high-tech field has a record of creating jobs at a rate greater than more traditional industries and of leading the economy's productivity growth, which contributes markedly to deflation. What's more, it is the new area of growth in what many see as an information age.

To give America's high-tech industries a boost, Olmer said officials are looking into possible changes in patent, tax, antitrust and education policies as well as the speed with which federally funded research and development goes from labs to commercial application.

While American research and development funding essentially has remained static over the last decade, Japan and some Western European nations have greatly expanded their research investment.

NASA plans space walk

By Paul Rezer

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — The sixth U.S. shuttle mission early next year will be extended by two days so the astronauts can conduct the space walk that had to be canceled last time, according to a NASA announcement.

It was an indication that officials are confident they understand and can fix the problems with NASA's space suits that forced the cancellation on the fifth mission last month. Meanwhile, sources said engineers have tentatively concluded that an oxygen pressure regulator in one failed space suit was improperly assembled and that the breakdown of a high-speed fan in a second suit was a "fluke."

NASA said the maiden flight by the shuttle *Challenger* slated for no earlier than Jan. 24 will be stretched from two to four days. The announcement came during a news conference conducted by the crew of the most recent flight abroad *Columbia*. Vance Brand, Bob Overmyer, Bill Lenoir and Joe Allen described their five-day November trip as "a great voyage" and all expressed an eagerness to return to space.

The flight was virtually flawless, the astronauts said, with the exception of the failure of two space suits that Lenoir and Allen were to have used in a 3½-hour space walk.

Lenoir said the failures are being studied and that no final conclusion has been reached. But the National Aeronautics and Space Administration had said earlier the space walk would not be part of the sixth flight unless the problem with the space suits was understood.

The astronauts showed pictures that captured on high-speed film a mysterious glow that had been detected on earlier missions about the surface of the spacecraft. The glow shows up on the forward edge of the craft in orbit and experts believe it is caused by atomic oxygen recombining into oxygen molecules as the spacecraft passes through the molecules at high speed.

Regarding the malfunctioning suits, an unidentified source told Khon-TV in Houston on Tuesday that an oxygen pressure regulator on Lenoir's suit failed to hold the proper oxygen levels. Khon also quoted informed sources as saying that "a couple of tiny pieces of plastic" used to maintain tension on the springs controlling oxygen pressure in the suit were missing.

Preliminary reports showed the failure in Lenoir's suit was due to a breakdown in quality control by a company assigned to check the suit prior to the mission. The television station said the failure of a high-speed fan in Allen's suit was a "fluke mechanical failure," possibly due to a faulty circuit breaker.

Richard Colonna, the head of the NASA committee investigating the space suits' failure, refused to confirm or deny the reports while the inquiry is continuing. Clay McCullough, incoming chief of crew systems at the Johnson Space Center, also declined comment.

WordWatch

Beginning a weekly column on the English language's nuances and pitfalls...

By Howard Dana Shaw

That bugaboo "whom." A letter from A.B. who teaches English to foreigners helps me screw up my courage to talk about that word whom. She advises her students to avoid it, "primarily because most Americans don't use it, or use it incorrectly."

Long ago, I wondered if the word shouldn't be outlawed. It's used every day wrongly (often by newspaper reporters), it usually sounds awkward, and as A.B. says, most people don't use it all. Let's see what the experts say.

Hardly anybody could be more expert than the late Theodore M. Bernstein, former *New York Times* editor and eminent student of the language. Bernstein called the word whom useless and senseless, "a pedagogical perplexity," and cited several puzzling examples including: "A suspect who the police said was John Jones was arrested." In a long article in the *Times* Sunday Magazine, here's what Bernstein wrote:

The word serves no purpose in the language and should be banished except when it follows immediately after a preposition and sounds natural even to the masses, as in "to whom it may concern." Except for such post-prepositional uses of whom, forget it.

Half a century ago, the famous Henry L. Mencken in *The American Language* said this: "Although the schoolmarm continues the heroic task of trying to teach the difference between who and whom, whom is fast vanishing from standard American."

Amputate the th. If you want to avoid being thought slightly illiterate, don't say *heights*. Both spelling and pronunciation are wrong.

The words *width*, *length*, and *breadth* all end in th and are pronounced that way. But (don't ask me why) when you're telling how high it is, the word is *height* — not *heights*. "The height of the Woolworth Building is 792 feet. Your losing the keys is the height of carelessness."

Mock French. This department was about ready to admit defeat. It seems almost everybody today says ON-*velope* instead of EN-*velope*. Sounds to us as if they're trying to be French. And as a matter of fact, most modern dictionaries give both pronunciations, but cite EN-*velope* as first or commonest choice.

But listen to the Harper Dictionary of Contemporary Usage by William Morris, distinguished authority on words: "EN-*velope* is unquestionably the more logical pronunciation..."

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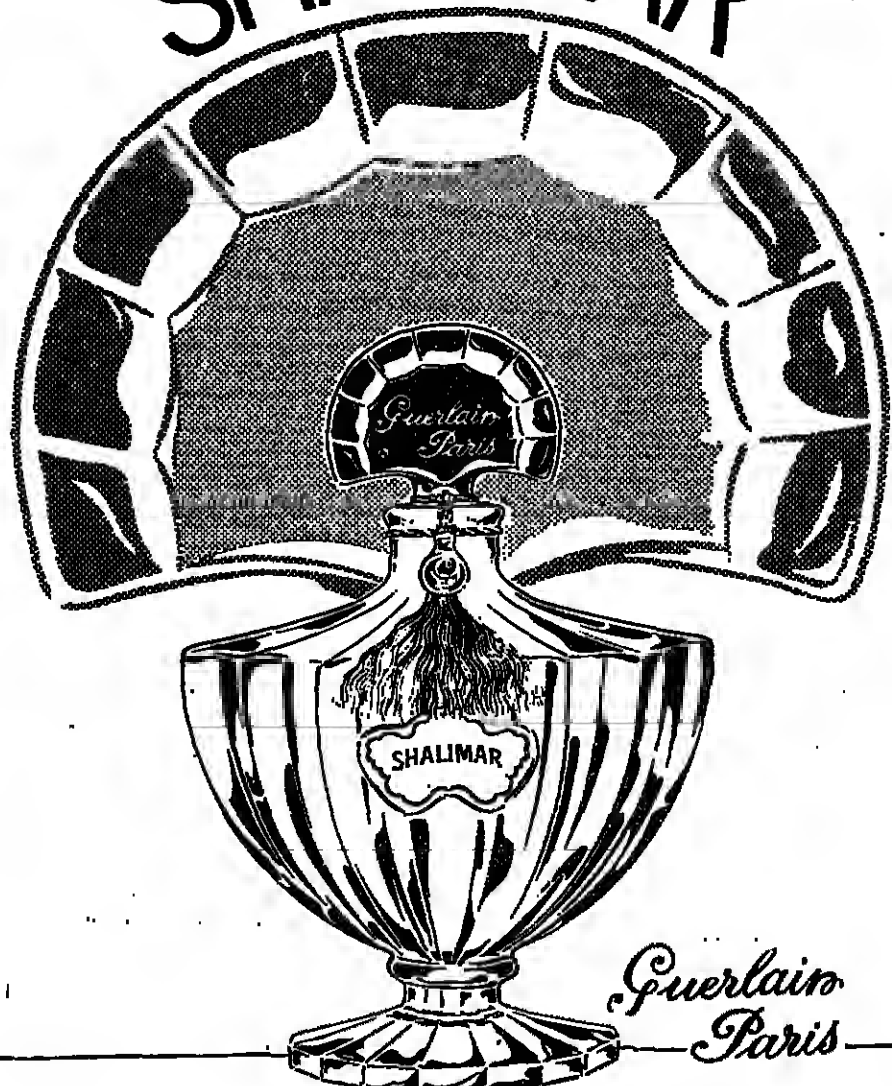
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Patients on waiting lists for over two years

Britain's health care faces severe crisis

This is the first of two articles
By Peter Osman

CARDIFF, Wales (WP) — Britain's system of free, comprehensive medical care, pride and symbol of this country's commitment to the welfare of its people, is going through its most troubled period since it was founded with high hopes 34 years ago.

Soaring costs, an aging population, months of labor trouble and a belief that Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government favors an increase in private medicine, have led to what is widely seen as a severe crisis of confidence in the health service's ability to meet the public's needs.

"It's sad," said Gordon Harry, a regional administrator here. "We have raised peoples' expectations ... and then we're not able to achieve the result they have been looking forward to."

Waiting lists of two years or more are increasingly common for orthopedic, ear-nose-throat and gynecological surgery. There are reports throughout the country of cutbacks in hospital space, the closing of outpatient clinics and restrictions on advanced treatments such as kidney dialysis, marrow transplants or the insertion of pacemakers. Purchases of new equipment are being postponed or canceled, and hospital maintenance is being scaled back.

"In bluntest terms," observed J. Keith Moger, director of the vast 11-year-old University Hospital, Wales' best, "the cuts mean

that many patients who go on waiting lists will never come off."

In a sense, health care problems in the countries of the industrialized West are a product of success. Demands on facilities have risen sharply, and medical science has developed spectacular new means of helping the sick, but at an expense far outstripping society's ability to pay. As one of the leading welfare states, with perhaps the foremost nationalized health system and the deepest economic recession, Britain's plight is particularly difficult.

The extent of the pressures comes through vividly in Wales because it has a smaller health budget and an administrative structure that is separate from England's but with all the same problems. A recent confidential estimate by senior local officials, which caused a furor when it was leaked, predicted "an unprecedented squeeze in 1983-84." The report called for the "most vigorous and determined attack on costs and control of manpower." To outraged union leaders, that meant fewer jobs and reduced medical care.

"We've already got a sick economy," said Stewart Barber, a Cardiff organizer for the National Union of Public Employees. "If we dismantle the national health service, then we'd have a sick population."

In fact, despite restraining expenditures as much as possible, the Thatcher government is spending more in real terms on health than any previous British government. The health

service's share of overall social spending has inched upward annually. Figures announced recently for the next fiscal year maintain the pattern of increases at about 12 percent over inflation.

But just to stay even with mounting requirements, in the opinion of many health experts in and out of government, a boost of around 2 1/2 percent is necessary, but this Conservative administration plainly will not provide it. The main reason costs are running so much higher are these, experts say:

— There are now 3 million people over the age of 75 in Britain, a figure that increases by 75,000 a year. Their health care, it is reckoned, costs six or seven times more than that of working-age people. Just to provide for the aged, 30,000 extra hospital places will be necessary by the end of the century to maintain present services. Higher standards also are being sought in the care of the mentally ill and handicapped.

— Advances in science and technology are offering the prospect of expensive treatments not available previously, and under the British system, they will be given for free. Among the longest waiting lists, for instance, are those for hip and knee replacements, operations that only began on a large scale a few years ago. "The more we can do," said one health official, "the more we are asked to do."

— Health workers are demanding wage increases that are greater than the amount

the government has forecast in its budgets.

For seven months, the system has been hit by regular strikes and slowdowns by non-medical staff, ambulance drivers and some nurses. This has lengthened the delays in treatment and means a pay settlement that will have to be partly met by money earmarked for other purposes. With almost a million employees, the health service is the biggest employer in Western Europe and about twice the size it was in 1948.

Also blamed by some are the high drug prices charged by multinational pharmaceutical companies (most patients now pay a fee for medicine of about \$2 per prescription) and the inefficiencies of what critics say is a bloated health service bureaucracy. Moreover, many of Britain's facilities are old, and replacing them means massive capital expenditures. As one official put it, "the fabric of the hospitals, their physical presence, is deteriorating."

How all of this will translate in practical terms for Wales, based on expected spending well below the optimum, is "devastating," said Alben Huish, a longtime member of the community health authority for Cardiff. With what amounts to minimal growth budgets, Wales will continue construction of five new hospitals, mostly to replace existing ones.

There is no way these "claims for central funding" can be met without "biting into ... headline revenues," the government's confidential estimate said. At University Hospital, for instance, a general surgical ward with four nurses will now have to function with three. Plans to upgrade a cardiac ward have been shelved. A day-old baby had to be rushed to London by ambulance because lifesaving equipment was not available in Cardiff.

Last year the hospital cut 80 employees out of 2,000, mostly by attrition. More will certainly go this year. "We are going to have to examine very much more carefully what everybody does and how we spend our pounds and pence," said Moger, the hospital's director. "That in itself is not catastrophic. But having said that, I think there is going to be a considerable difference as to service — both in standard and quantity — we can provide."

Similarly serious expressions of concern are heard at every level of the health service, from ward nurses and neighborhood general practitioners, from local hospital administrators to senior officials.

Summarizing the sense of alarm, the respected *Times* health services supplement last month published an open letter to Mrs. Thatcher that declared: "We are not suggesting that you have deliberately set out to destroy the national health service, nor that you want it to decline, but the reality is that current economic circumstances are threatening the service with destruction unless your government does something to rescue it."



X-RAY MACHINES: The assembly of computer tomographs, highly sophisticated X-ray devices for medical diagnostic work, at the Siemens plant in Erlangen. Modern medical technology was recently the focus of attention in Hamburg, where the World Congress for Medical Physics and Biomedical Technology took place.

Refugee reunions

A job for Sherlock Holmes

By Arjuna

MANILA (Depthnews) — The note was addressed to the Red Cross in a style which Sherlock Holmes might have appreciated: "My Uncle lives on the seventh floor of a block of flats in Hong Kong."

After walking Hong Kong with its six million people and endless streets of identical gray apartment buildings, Red Cross workers did, in fact, find the Uncle. And in doing so, one small refugee child regained a family lost in Vietnam.

The Red Cross has been running a tracing and mailing service for Asian refugees since 1979 and has received in the past 12 months alone 11,500 inquiries after missing parents, brothers, sisters and relatives. It maintains offices in Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Philippines and Thailand, which pool information from all possible sources and process the clues through a central system in Geneva.

When refugees arrive in countries of asylum they provide names and other personal information which might help friends or relatives find them later. National offices maintain records of the boats they arrived on, when their time comes for resettlement, their departure and relocation. If someone asks after a missing relative or friend, the Red Cross scans the file. If the whereabouts are known, the "missing" person is contacted for permission to release information to those who are looking.

The Red Cross Tracing and Mailing Ser-

vices has managed more than 11,800 refugee reunions since 1979, but these tell only a fraction of the drama which continues, for those who were separated before or after their departure from Vietnam, Laos and Kampuchea. Tens of thousands were lost in transit by sea and by land, and for many of the survivors there will always be the question as to whether a husband or wife and family survived or still trying to follow.

Of the 450,000 boat and land people who have been resettled since 1979 with help from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the Red Cross or other agencies, tens of thousands have since relocated within their adopted countries seeking work or more comfortable surroundings.

Unless something is done to establish tracing mechanisms in the countries of resettlement — Australia, Canada, France, Germany, the U.S. and elsewhere — the tenuous link between those who are still fleeing and those who are safe could be lost forever.

The Red Cross has managed more than 11,800 refugee reunions since 1979, but the trails are growing cold for those families uprooted in the early exodus. Faded messages, I found scribbled on the walls of transit camps in Thailand, Malaysia and elsewhere in Asia, pose formidable challenges to family and friends who must do their detective work alone.

Two samples from the refugee center in Bangkok, Thailand speak for thousands: "I.V. Hoang — Go to Germany — 13/11/79." "Siriphot — Go to France 8/23/78."

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Dear Dr. Steincrohn: I had high blood pressure for years. As I did not have any headaches or other symptoms I did not take my doctor's advice to treat it. Now, I'm paying for it at the age of 63. I get attacks of congestive heart failure. I think you described this condition in one of your recent columns. Like similar patients, I get shortness of breath, stubborn cough, fatigue (so much so that a walk around the block makes me deathly tired); my ankles swell; I lose my appetite. In addition, people are always telling me that my lips look blue.

My doctor now has me on digitalis, which I understand is the standard treatment for a condition such as mine. But, he insists that I come in to see him regularly so he can check on digitalis action. Just what does that mean? — Mrs. J.

Dear Mrs. J.: Your ankle swelling and other symptoms are indications that your heart muscle isn't strong enough to pump blood and needed oxygen all over your body. For over 200 years since the drug was discovered in England, digitalis has been the basic pillar in the treatment of congestive heart failure. It strengthens the capacity of heart muscle.

The reason your doctor insists on frequent checkups is this: digitalis can be harmful as well as helpful to the heart. When taken in overdosage, or allowed to accumulate in large amounts in the body, it can cause nausea, loss of appetite, irregularity of the heart and other abnormalities.

Recently, taking diuretics also helps get rid of excess fluid in the legs and other organs. A new helpful drug under study is amrinone. This can help congestive heart failure when used in conjunction with

digitalis or alone. Heart patients who take digitalis should be thankful for its discovery. It has saved and prolonged many lives over the years. But as your doctor says, Mrs. J., patients who take it should be carefully supervised by their doctors to insure safety as well as helpfulness.

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(Replies to and from readers):

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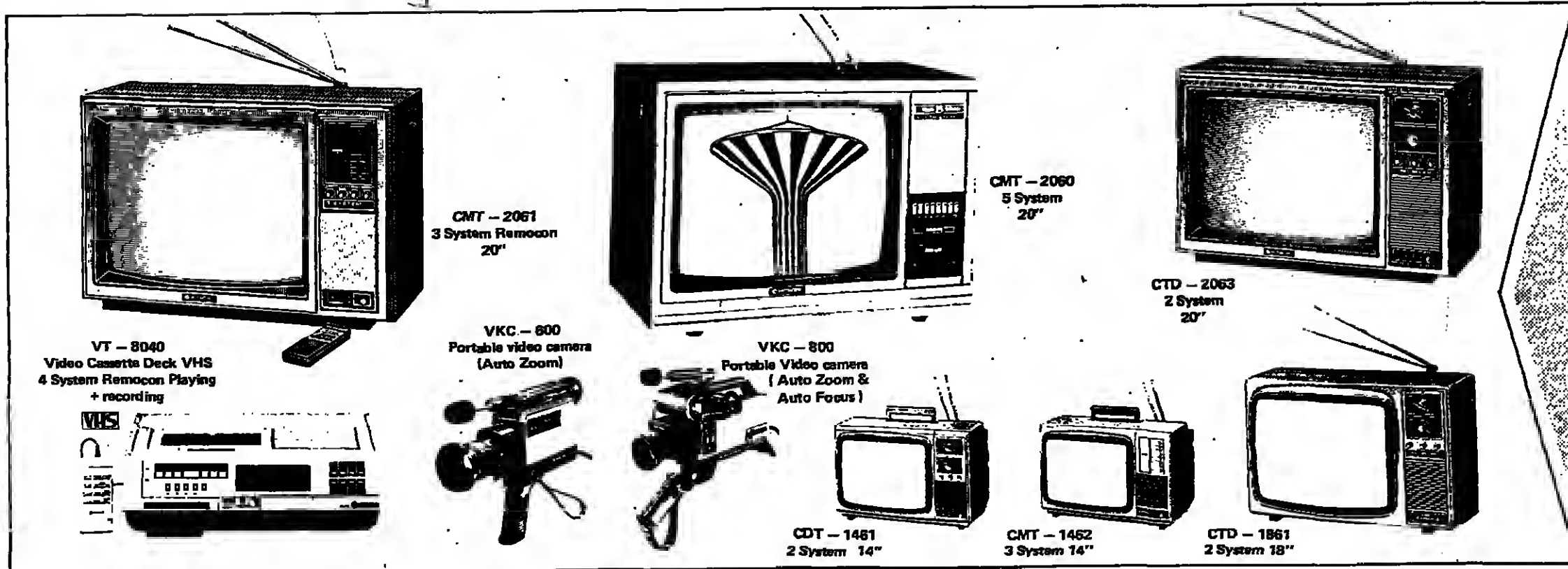
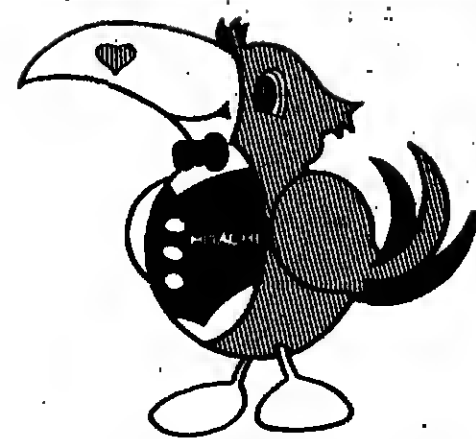
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Peking army norms still unchanged

Keeping Maoist banner afloat

By Victoria Graham

YANG CUN, China (AP) — An implacable peasant soldier stands guard near a frenetic free market. With red and green signal flags he points the way down a placid avenue to a stark and different world.

A 12-meter rose-tinted statue of the late Chairman Mao Tse-tung dominates the entrance. The figure wears an army cap with a star and raises a prodigious pink arm in benediction. The pedestal bears the inscription: "Chairman Mao lives in our hearts forever."

Nearly 112 kilometers east of Peking, this is the headquarters of the 196th division of the People's Liberation Army, home of 12,000 soldiers. A sprawling, self-sufficient enclave, with its own factories and agriculture unit, it parallels the army as a whole, with its 4.23 million in a vast, secretive establishment, often called a "state within a state."

Until recently the 196th division never was visited by American journalists. The Associated Press was permitted to tour selected parts of the headquarters. Military drills, hand-to-hand combat and artillery practice were staged for the AP. Officers wouldn't talk politics, soldiers could not speak privately and the visit was filled with more impressions than facts about the most regimented realm of a regimented society.

The division contains five regiments — three infantry, one artillery and one tank — and independent communications, anti-aircraft and transportation detachments.

Ubiquitous white slogans on red billboards order: "Heighten our vigilance, step up preparations against war, be ready at any time to wipe out intruding enemy troops." Other posters exhort the army: "Strive for a revolutionary, modern and regular army," "Love your vehicles and observe discipline" and "build Socialist spiritual civilization."

This army compound remains an island of ideological purity and Maoist reverence, insulated from the bustling outside where China's pragmatic leader Deng Xiaoping has encouraged bonuses and other work incentives to get his nation's modernization program rolling. Here a recruit's stipend ranges from 2 yuan to 6 yuan a month, the equivalent of \$1 to 3. The army, marching to a moralistic tempo, attends to ideological, spiritual and material needs and shuns material incentives as corruption.

Army factories don't run for profit or give more pay for more work. Although surrounded by prospering peasants, the army agriculture unit does not run on the popular civilian system that rewards extra work. Over-quota production goes to the state, not to the free market. And peasant soldiers don't get private plots. They don't need them, "We give spiritual rewards in the army, not material ones. If a soldier overfulfills production, he receives raise and gets his picture taken with his leaders," says deputy chief of staff Zhu Fujing, a 49-year-old veteran who joined when he was 20.

"What if our soldiers demanded bonuses for every enemy they killed?"

The 196th division seems untouched by reported party-army factions. Problems of demobilized soldiers also do not trouble it. Like everywhere else in the army, however, the soldiers and 1,200 officers have been ordered to study the documents of the 12th party congress. Those documents emphasize modernization and de-emphasize Mao. About five days a month are devoted to political study.

Recruits, serving two-year stints, are not permitted a night on the town. The few who dare to date local women are punished. Only



MILITARY DRILL: Chinese soldiers practice military drills.

officers may marry. Some of their wives work in army factories, but many prefer to live apart and make more money elsewhere.

The 196th division makes watches, clocks, pharmaceuticals, shoe polish, floor wax, rubber sheets, glue, electrical components, water pumps and other products. They use them or sell them to the state. It grows its own rice, wheat, sorghum, corn, beans and vegetables.

It makes its own noodles and cornbread and every day turns out 7,380 pounds (3,350 kg) of soybean curd in four varieties. "We are a fighting team, working team and production team. We are guided by the light of Mao Tse-tung thought," says Zhu.

Officers and men live and work together here as political equals. Since China abolished rank and insignia, their uniforms are practically identical: baggy green with red collar tabs. In a subtle but major mark of distinction, however, officers' jackets have four pockets with flaps that button inside. Officers wear leather shoes, soldiers usually wear moccasins.

In a demonstration, army scouts scaled a four-story building with bamboo poles, walked up walls like human flies and skinned down ropes like spiders. "Bravery is the most important thing," Zhu said. "We must rely on the human factor and on people's war because we are not yet a modern army with the latest equipment."

Zhu says army spirit is high, but according to many reports, it is disgruntled over new, get-rich policies in the countryside that many peasant families don't want to lose able-bodied sons to the army. Zhu says the problem has been solved and there is no lack of recruits. Peasant families with sons in the army, he says, are compensated with cash, given extra work points, extra land or helped in the fields so they don't lose income.

Soldier Zhao Jianjun, 22, comes from a peasant family in Shaanxi. He is an auto-mechanic, now earning 24 yuan (\$12) a month. "We have an unshakable obligation to serve in the army," he said as his superiors stood by. "We don't think we lose money."

He said his family back on the farm is given 200 yuan (\$100) and 300 extra work points a year to compensate for his absence.

Soldier Jao Leping, 20, from Hebei province, declared, "The army is dangerous but glorious. I consider myself privileged because I passed all the tests and now can defend the motherland."

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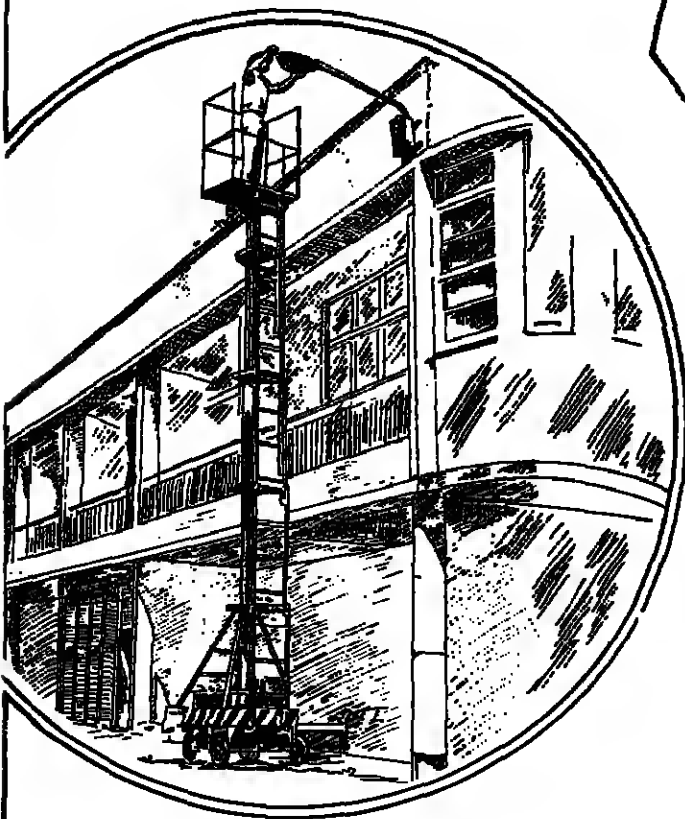
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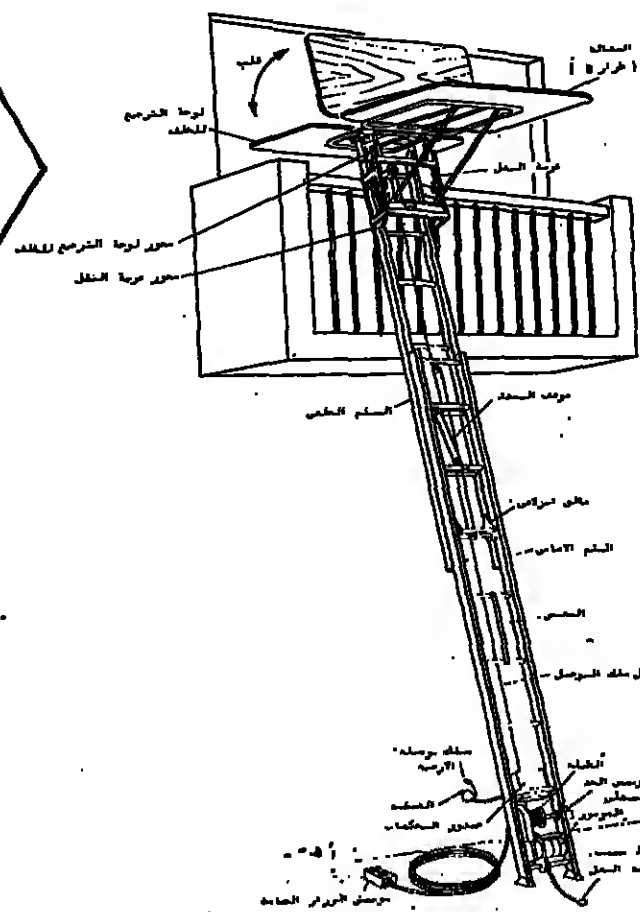
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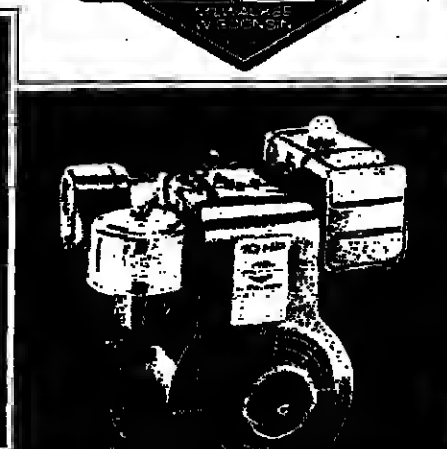
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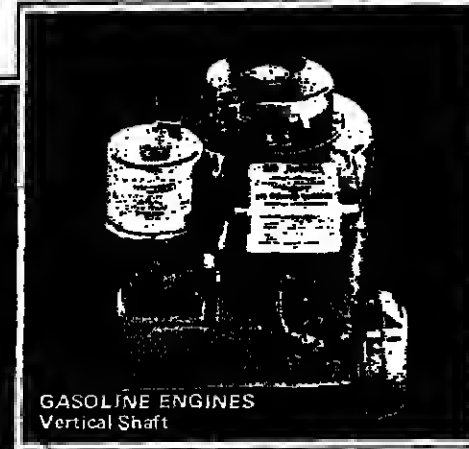
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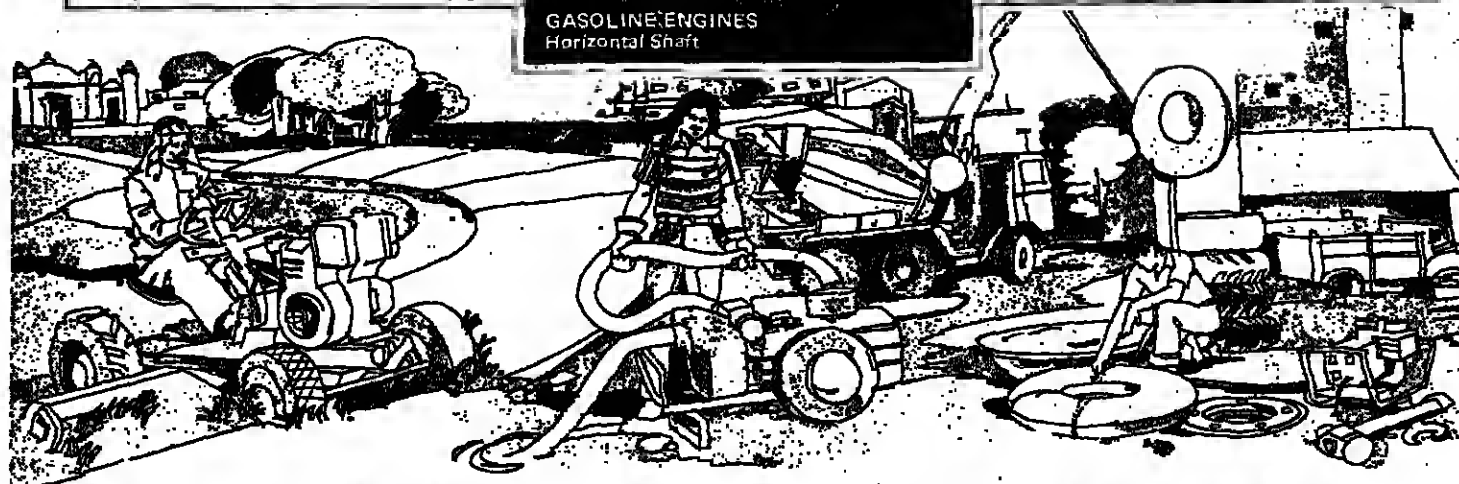
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Widening gap in trade deficits, spiralling prices of consumer goods

Tough times ahead for Asia's developing countries

By Paul Icamina

MANILA (Depthnews) — Cautious and hurt, but still plodding along. This seems to be the general drift of the Asian economy as it prepares to enter the new year.

An informal third-quarter survey of selected developing countries — Thailand, Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and the Philippines — was made by Depthnews correspondents. The countries were selected not only because they represent the developing nations of the region; they also represent a relatively industrialized country (India) and an oil-producing one (Indonesia).

If the countries represent a semblance of the Asian economy, they do have a lot in common: more foreign exchange lost to increasing oil imports, an ever widening gap in foreign trade deficits in and outside the region, spiralling prices of consumer goods, a worried labor sector, and difficulties in reaching economic targets because of uncertain internal and external conditions.

While the expectations of most government officials and statistics are usually optimistic, independent-minded observers predict otherwise. While government figures remain certain of improvements, current trends point otherwise. Thus, in Thailand, the first six months of 1982 saw low commodities prices, declining investments and manufacturing not growing as quickly as it is hoped. At the same time, there were concerns of low consumer spending and increased unemployment. Yet, officials of the Bank of Thailand predict an improvement in the economy for the second half of 1982. The Bank's governor believes that the country is just past the worst.

In Bangladesh the predictions were straightforward: higher prices show no sign of declining, and there has been few, if any, public or private investments in the economy. Reports Depthnews correspondent Alamgir Hossain: "The overall economic situation gradually seems to worsen, and the government has to take immediate measures to overcome the deteriorating conditions."

There were certainly many plus points in the survey. Pakistan has achieved self-sufficiency in foodgrains production, surplus rice now slated for export while wheat importation has been discontinued.

Two figures stand out in Indonesia. The World Bank this year noted that the country's average per capita income is \$430 — above the \$420 cutting-off point between so-called poor and middle-income countries. The second significant figure is its estimated rice production for 1982: 23 million tons, up from the 22.1 million tons in 1981.

While India is optimistic that there is "no generalized recession in the economy," an independent observer notes that the economy is in a structural malaise. Says Dr. Brahma Nand, director of the Department of Economics, University of Bombay: "Without a fundamental change in development thinking and in the strategy, there seems to be no way out of the rut the country is in."

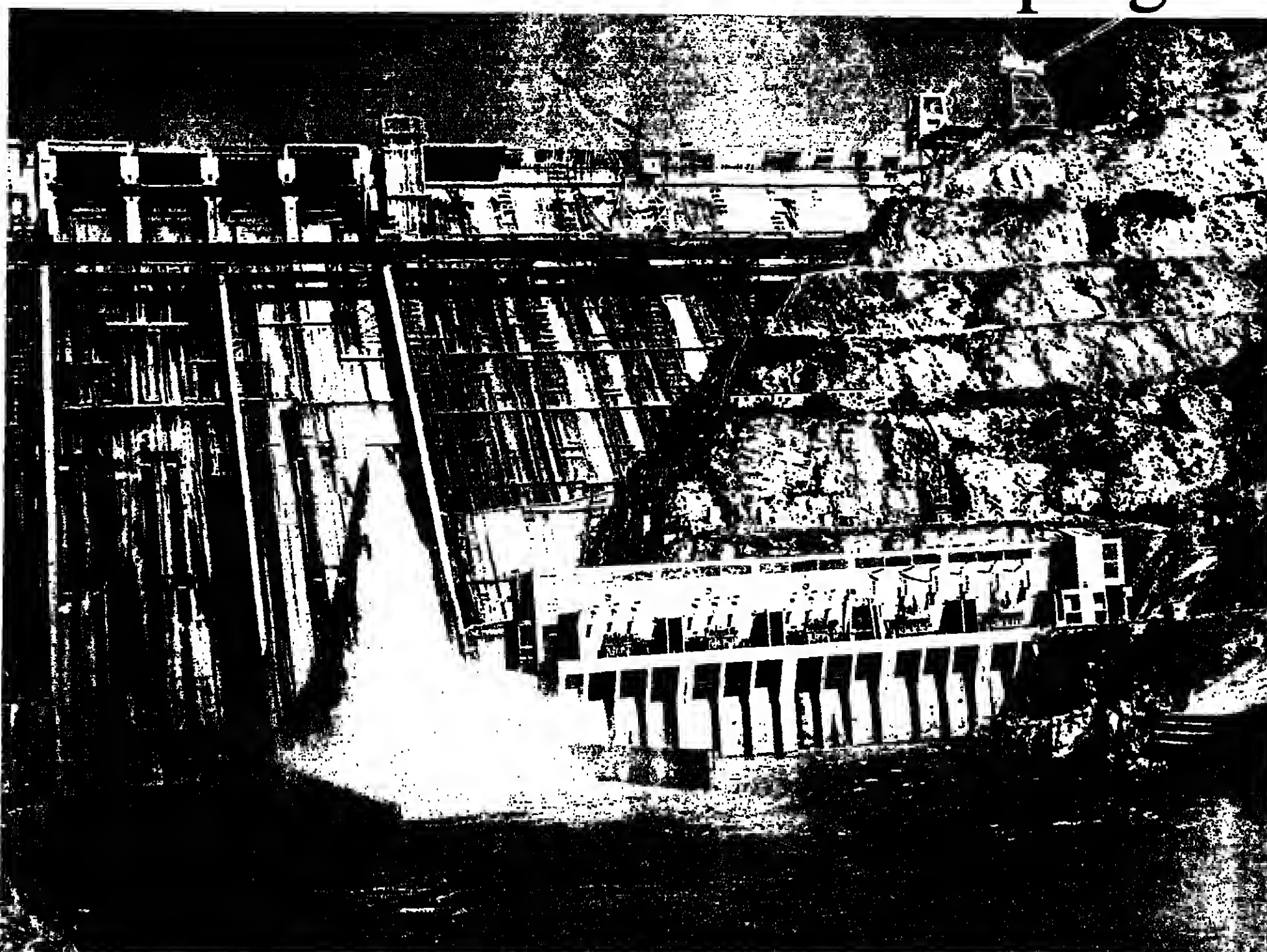
Whatever the prognosis, there seems to be general agreement that the present economies of these developing countries are by far not the worst they have experienced in recent years. In fact, these economies might even experience an upswing in the coming months. But glossy predictions hinge on a stable world economy and the rational management of national economic policies.

The following are brief sketches of selected Asian countries and their economy — how they fared so far this year and how they will perform in the future:

THAILAND: Despite its woes, Thailand's economy remains on an even keel. Or so government planners hope. The Bank of Thailand predicts the economy will register an improvement in the next half of 1982. Reports Depthnews correspondent Suchin Vacharapongprecha.

During the first half of 1982, investments were way off expectations, commodities prices were down, manufacturing slow to grow — all amidst lesser consumer spending and unemployment. Still, optimistic economists expect the value of imports (205,000 million baht or \$8,952 million) will be 5.1 percent less than that of last year's. Exports are expected at 173,155 million baht (\$7,560 million), or an increase of 15.3 percent over 1981. Most glowing of the predictions is that the trade deficit this year will be only 31,815 million baht (\$1,390 million), a decrease of 51.5 percent from last year's.

Banking sources see the country's economic recovery by the year's end will firm up demand for capital goods and semi-processed raw materials. Bank of Thailand Governor Dr. Nukul Prachusabmo says the country is just past the worst, and there should be a gradual improvement of the economy from then on. He says the expected 5 percent real growth in the gross domestic product this year is still higher than the 0.5 percent growth rate of industrialized nations. The National Economic and Social Development Board says this growth rate is higher than those of any other Asian countries except Singapore.



THE BHAKRA DAM: India's Bhakra Nangal canal system provides irrigation to 1.5 million hectares of land. Though India produced 132 million tons of foodgrains during 1981-82, the country had to import 2.5 million tons because of drought and floods. Below: An aerial view of Sri Lanka's Free Trade Zone.

BANGLADESH: Despite incentives and measures made by the government in June this year, the Bangladeshi economy remained sluggish. Since the announcement of new investment and industrial policies, for instance, the response has been unsatisfactory to the point of being disappointing.

Economists largely agree that if present trends in private investments continue for the rest of the year, there will be a large shortfall in actual investments within the economy. The annual growth rate, projected at 6.2 percent for 1982-83 will be difficult to achieve, to say the least.

Higher prices show no sign of getting lower, the price of rice increasing by 30 percent last August. The trend is expected to continue, if not worsen. Depthnews correspondent Alamgir Hossain reports that economists in Dacca believe that the country's "overall economic situation gradually seems to worsen, and the government has to take immediate measures to overcome the deteriorating conditions."

Foreign trade has been beset by a low export base, non-fulfillment of major export targets, unfavorable trade terms, and the widening gap between imports and exports. The balance of trade deficit for 1981-82 is 35.78 billion taka (\$2.36 billion) compared to 19.66 billion taka (\$1.3 billion) the previous year. Export earnings for 1981-82 are valued at 12 billion taka (\$792 million) against 47.78 billion taka (\$3.15 billion) for the same period last year.

PHILIPPINES: The country's deficit in its international payments in January-September reached \$747 million, more than double the \$365 million deficit in the same period last year. Exports during the period totalled \$4.03 billion (down 8 percent a year ago) while import grew 0.8 percent from \$6.02 billion to \$6.07 billion. Trade deficit thus reached \$2.04 billion, up about 25 percent from \$1.63 billion.

The dismal third-quarter picture as reported by the Central Bank perhaps confirms the view of some observers that the economy is in a mess. For instance, the slack in demand abroad, particularly minerals and agricultural commodities, slowed down domestic business because of the resulting fall in the purchasing power of consumers.

Inflation in recent years is at the rate of 15 percent per year, while the gross national product (GNP) in 1981 grew by only 2.5 percent — the lowest in all Asia, except Papua New Guinea.

Still, the government is optimistic that it will weather the storm. Prime Minister Cesar Virata (also the finance minister) believes



there are other options available to boost the economy. For instance, there are plans to develop new or better crops like wheat. The government is going into some import substitution in agriculture: dairy products, wheat, cotton and corn. There are also some sectors looking into export agriculture like palm oil, rubber, potato and papaya.

But the economy in recent years continue to haunt the future. The removal of some protection for local industries has sapped the local market with cheaper foreign goods. To cover the yearly gaps between export and import, the government had piled up a \$15.8 billion external debt. Servicing the debt alone cost \$1.6 billion in 1981.

INDIA: Mrs. Indira Gandhi's government feels optimistic that the Indian economy will do even better in the coming years, despite the rising cloud of recession and declining demand for Indian products in developed countries. While government officials remain optimistic, some independent economists have their doubts, according to Depthnews correspondent Prakash Chandra.

In its annual financial survey for 1981-82, the Reserve Bank of India claims that the gross national product registered a satisfactory rise, the 4.3 percent growth rates in 1981-82 achieved mainly by sustained increases in farm production. While the Bank

estimated a 132 million tons foodgrains production during 1981-82, New Delhi still had to import 2.5 million tons because of drought and floods which hit most of the country.

By the end of June, the Ministry of Finance reported a sharp drop in foreign exchange reserves by over 30 percent. Independent economists say New Delhi will not be able to maintain the high level of its reserves because of the remittances as the trade deficit was going up. India's trade figures were certainly hit during the year because of worldwide recession. The Reserve Bank describing the trade picture as "disturbing." Trade deficits for 1981-82 are estimated to be 57,790 million rupees (\$5,278 million).

Meanwhile, an independent organization, the National Council of Applied Economic Research, doubts that inflation has been controlled. "More important," it says, "is the question whether consumer prices will follow the lead of wholesale prices sooner or later. Controlled inflation cannot be sustained unless the upward journey of consumer prices is brought to a halt."

Members of the Council point out a fall in the growth rate despite the continued rise in industrial output. A well-known economist, Dr. Brahma Nand, says "it will be difficult for the Indian economy to achieve a 3 percent growth rate if the present trend of negative-

factor productivity growth continues."

Dr. Nand emphasizes that the economy is in a structural malaise. "Without a fundamental change in development thinking and in the strategy, there seems to be no way out of the rut the country is in. Foreign aid and capital could, at best, postpone the problem."

PAKISTAN: Despite a continuation of economic revival and financial discipline that characterized Pakistan's economic policy in the last five years, the country was hit by a deepening world recession, the collapse in world cotton prices, and the growing influx of Afghan refugees. Still, the growth in gross domestic product — at 6 percent — surpassed 5 percent for the fifth successive year.

What worries the country most is higher prices, although the inflation rate recorded so far for 1982 — 8 percent — showed a marked decline. According to official estimates, the current account deficit in the balance of payments increased by more than \$350 million, and the basic balance by about \$250 million. During 1981-82, the country earned around 18 billion rupees (\$1.48 billion) in exports while paying around 50 billion rupees (\$4.1 billion) in imports.

Pakistan has achieved self-sufficiency in foodgrains production, especially when surplus rice for export is taken into account. The import of wheat was discontinued last year

when self-sufficiency was achieved. Still, the gains are offset by losses in foreign exchange earnings due to increased importation of oil and its byproducts.

Pakistan is trying very hard to attract foreign investment, and the government plans to deregulate the economy. The United States has already identified Pakistan as one of the 10 countries it will encourage private investors to come in, and some Middle Eastern countries have shown interest although no new investment has come so far.

SRI LANKA: The most crippling factor in Sri Lanka's economic scenario is the cost of fuel oils and energy. The bill for crude oil gobbled up 42 percent of total foreign exchange earnings in 1981, expected to reach 11,000 million rupees (\$704 million) in 1982. The Ceylon Electricity Board alone spends as much as 5 million rupees (\$320,000) a day on oil, says Depthnews correspondent Mallika Wanigasundara.

Confounding all budgetary calculations and throwing the whole operation out of gear is the continuing depreciation of the rupee against the dollar. It is boosting the cost of food, fuel, fertilizer and investment goods in rupee terms. The devalued rupee has been allowed to float against a basket of currencies.

The rationale behind the devaluation, at the instance of the World Bank, was to give the rupee the so-called "realistic value" on the one hand, and on the other, restrict imports and stimulate exports. In practice, it becomes well nigh impossible for a developing country dependent on imports to behave just like that. Still, the economy recorded some plus factors.

According to the Central Bank, agriculture and industry fared better than the previous year. They helped maintain the growth rate of the gross domestic product at 5.8 percent. When allowance is made for outflows like interest, profits and dividends, the growth rate of the gross national product is reduced to 4.2 percent.

Sri Lanka's imports were valued at 35,251 million rupees (\$2,257 million) while exports brought in 20,585 million rupees (\$1,318 million) in 1981. This left a trade deficit of 14,666 million rupees (\$940 million). The import bill had to take further pressure due to the deterioration of Sri Lanka's terms of trade which declined from 58 in 1980 to 46 in 1981. The beleaguered balance of payments had to take in price hikes in food, fuel, fertilizer, all types of investment and consumer goods, and raw materials.

INDONESIA: In terms of statistics, the Indonesian economy in 1982 looks well. Reports Depthnews correspondent Warief Djajanto. The standard indicators are of no surprise reflecting continuity of last year's economic performance. Inflation, as of last August, is down to 7 percent compared to the 16 percent annual rate of 1981.

The rate of economic growth is a respectable 7.6 percent in 1981, the latest figure available. This is down from the record 9.6 percent in 1980. Industry remains the top growth sector, chalking a 21.1 percent growth rate in 1981. This marks the numerous hundreds-of-million dollar projects, mostly in chemical industries, now under way without any slow-down.

The robust state of investment project applications, despite world recession, is a show of confidence of the business community. The number of new projects during the first three quarters of 1982 rose by 9.3 percent and by 81.8 percent in value compared to the corresponding period in 1981. New foreign investment projects alone amounted to 23 worth \$843 million. This is up from the 27 new projects valued at \$297 million recorded in the first nine months of 1981.

Two figures stand out that emerged in the course of 1982. For one, the World Bank in its World Development Report 1982 noted that Indonesia's average per capita income is \$430. This is above the \$420 cutting-off point between so-called poor and middle-income countries.

Indonesia no longer borrows from the International Development Agency (IDA). It stopped borrowing from the Bank's soft window affiliate in 1980, following the example of Thailand and the Philippines. The second significant figure is Indonesia's estimated rice production for 1982: 23 million tons, up from 22.1 million tons in 1981.

The recession, however, has taken its toll in one aspect of the Indonesian economy. Exports are down by 8 percent for the first half of 1982 compared to the same period in 1981. This a decrease from \$10.8 billion to \$9.9 billion.

Oil exports, Indonesia's top foreign exchange earner, dropped in volume and value during the first half of 1982 compared to the corresponding period of 1981. Volume-wise, it plummeted from 27 million tons to 23.6 million tons. In value, decrease was from \$7 billion to \$6.2 billion.

Meanwhile, the government has not been very successful in pushing exports outside of oil and gas. Their value dropped from \$2.3 billion for the first half of 1981 to \$1.9 billion for the first half of 1982, or a fall of 16.5 percent. Non-Industrial products have the largest share of this export category.

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Five years after coup

Verdict on tomb raises Greek storm

By Bruce Clark

VERGINA, Greece (R) — Five years after pulling off one of the archaeological coups of the decade, Professor Manolis Andronikos is confident that the tomb he found in this northern Greek village is that of King Philip II of Macedon, father of Alexander the Great.

It was in 1977 that the professor burrowed through the roof of a large subterranean chamber to find a casket made with 11 kg of solid gold and embossed with a royal star. Inside was a delicately worked golden wreath, and partially burnt human bones. Professor Andronikos, Greece's foremost archaeologist, unleashed a storm in the academic world when he pronounced that these remains belonged to Philip II, a brilliant soldier and statesman as well as the father of Alexander.

But his critics say it belongs to Philip III, who died some 79 years later. In any case, visitors will be able to marvel at the antiquities found in the tomb, which dates back over 2,000 years, when it is put on show in a few years' time.

The professor, interviewed at his home in nearby Salonika, told Reuters he was perfectly open to alternative suggestions on the identity of the remains but none of those offered so far had fitted the facts. He argues that the exceptionally high quality of the art work in the tomb, plus a series of royal emblems, indicates it is that of a king. The objects it contained have been dated to the second half of the fourth century B.C.

That leaves two possibilities — Philip II, who was assassinated in 336, and his illegitimate son Philip III, who was also murdered in 317. Is it conceivable, he asks, that such a magnificent tomb, covered in the following century by a 10-meter mound to protect it from vandals, was built for Philip III — "the most unheroic king Macedonia ever had?"

The plastering of the tomb, Professor Andronikos continues, was clearly done in a hurry. That would make sense if it belonged to Philip II, since his murder forced Alexander, his legitimate son, to act quickly to ensure his succession.

But a hurried burial because of succession problems would make little sense for Philip III, who came to power after Alexander. A leading Macedonian, Kassandros, had already established himself as effective ruler by the time Philip III died and this situation simply continued. Also, Philip III was not buried for six months after his murder, says Professor Andronikos. The bones, however, are those of a body which was cremated and then immediately buried.

"If we think the tomb was Philip III's that would mean they had burned his body in a state of six-month old decomposition" — the professor exclaims, explaining that this was most unlikely in Macedonian society which was highly civilized. He said the consensus of academic opinion was moving in his direction and Britain's Professor Nicholas Hammond was one of his strongest and most consistent supporters. His only implacable opponent is Professor Phyllis Lehmann of the United States, who thinks the tomb could date from much later.

Among other academics, the verdict on whether the tomb belongs to Alexander's father, from "probable" to "certain." Whatever the answer, visitors will marvel at the wonders Professor Andronikos has unearthed when Vergina is thrown open to the public.

In addition to the putative last resting place of Philip, he discovered three other underground tombs. In one, which was pillaged by robbers, there is a wall painting of astonishing delicacy depicting the mythological rape of Persephone, daughter of Zeus. In the antechamber to the main tomb, the professor found a smaller gold casket containing the remains of a woman, wrapped in purple and gold cloth. In yet another vault, he discovered the bones of an unidentified 14-year-old boy.

Travelers who visit Vergina today get taken to a nearby palace of the third century B.C. where they are duly impressed by its scenic setting in the Pindus foothills, its layout and its fine floor mosaics. But the palace is only a middle-ranking antiquity compared with the cultural feast, currently wired off and covered with corrugated iron sheets, that awaits them.

American aid to Egypt benefits dock pilferers

By Colin Smith

CAIRO (LOS) — Almost \$4 million worth of road-making equipment, given to Egypt by the United States, lay at the docks at Alexandria for five months while Egyptian customs decided what duty should be paid on it by the local authorities receiving the machines.

During that period tool kits from almost all 39 motor-graders were pilfered, as were spares from 22 bulldozers and 55 tipper lorries. All the motor-graders were eventually moved off but some of the bulldozers and tipper trucks, worth about another \$5 million, are still there — seven months after their delivery on May 5.

The equipment is part of the annual \$1 billion in aid the United States has been trying to pump into Egypt since 1975, when American divers heralded the start of the program by helping to clear war wreckage from the Suez Canal.

The fate of the road-making machinery, cobwebbed by Egyptian bureaucracy, is only one example of the frustrations encountered by the program, according to Michael Stone, former president of a Californian company, who became director of USAID in Egypt recently.

Almost \$5 million of aid remains unspent simply because some Egyptian ministries failed, for two years running, to get their applications to the Americans before the end of the U.S. fiscal year in September. The leisurely approach adopted by some Egyptian civil servants has done much to contribute to a situation where \$2.7 billion of the \$7.5 billion promised since 1975 is still in the pipeline.

A three-year-old American housing scheme at Helwan, about 30 miles south of Cairo, which aimed at providing 110,000 homes, is on the brink of being abandoned. It clashed with a slightly bigger Egyptian project for a new town of 180,000 homes. At one

point there was friction because the Egyptian planners wanted to bisect the American housing estate with a tram line.

Since the United States failed to prevent the Israelis from invading Lebanon, USAID has had to endure the sniping of an increasingly hostile press. A recent article in the economic weekly *Al-Ikhtisari*, published by the government-owned *Al-Akram* group, accused the CIA of collecting information on Egypt under the guise of economic and social research.

American aid to Egypt, an essential part of keeping the biggest Arab country on the pro-Western path established by Sadat, is divided three ways.

Two-hundred-and-fifty million dollars a year is spent on food. It is estimated that two out of every six loaves in Egypt are baked with American wheat. Four hundred million dollars goes on project financing, such as a power station at Ismailia. The remaining \$350 million goes on purchasing raw materials from American producers — of wood, pulp, tallow, tin-plate, tobacco and so on — and giving the goods away to Egypt's mainly state-controlled industries. It is in this area that \$470 million was unclaimed in 1981-82.

Stone, who was born in London and flew fighters off British carriers during World War II, emphasizes there are some very positive, if less visible, aspects of the aid program. He thinks American training of Egyptian family planning teams in Cairo and the Delta has contributed to a small drop recorded recently in the country's enormous birth rate.

The Americans have also helped to maintain the Aswan high dam, built by the Soviets at the height of the Nasser era — but "despite the \$80 million we've spent on repairs it will always be the Russian dam," Stone says.

He is also on record as saying: "Sometimes I feel like a mongoose facing a cobra when I think of this job. I am drawn to it and at the same time I can see the dangers."



MEXICAN RELICS: The Great Temple, the result of a five-year excavation project in downtown Mexico City, has been opened to the public. The two-block site behind the National Palace was once used by the Aztecs for human sacrifices.

On discovery of New World

U.S. archaeologist refuting Columbus

By Kenneth Freed

RIO DE JANEIRO (LAT) — Christopher Columbus' already battered claim as the discoverer of the New World could soon be lost altogether to an unknown Roman sailor whose poor navigational skills may have sent him crashing into the rocks of Rio's Guanabara Bay in the 2nd century B.C.

A noted U.S. archaeologist and antiquity hunter named Robert F. Marx says he believes he is on the verge of uncovering the wreckage of a 2nd century B.C. Roman ship buried under yards of mud, sand and dead coral about one mile from the city's international airport.

If his hopes and claims become reality, it will be the first clear proof of what many historians and other scholars have long suspected — that Europeans sailed to the Western hemisphere long before Columbus' voyage in 1492.

So far, the proof is circumstantial and somewhat thin, resting largely on Marx's reputation and the recovery from the bay of numerous amphoras, large ceramic jugs, that have been verified as Roman-made and dating back to about 200 B.C.

Despite some doubters, Marx, 45, a former Los Angeles resident with solid archaeological credentials, says he is certain that he can provide irrefutable proof soon, perhaps within weeks.

After months of delay that he blames on Brazil's notorious bureaucracy, Marx has been promised a permit to begin diving to the bottom of the 50-foot-deep bay where the ship's wreckage is thought to be, he said.

Using special sonar equipment, vacuum machines, metal detectors and probes, "I know that I'll find the remains of the ship," he said in an interview. "I'll keep doing this until I find it. I'm satisfied that I am right."

Marx said he has already made 11 unauthorized dives into the bay, which is so polluted that underwater visibility is almost nil. "It's like working in Braille," he said.

Besides the ear infections and intestinal upsets he thinks he has caught in the water, Marx has brought up sizable amphora fragments from the site, which he described as "larger than three tennis courts."

These finds, some of which he pulled out from under nearly three feet of coral and muck, augment the recovery of two intact jugs six years ago when the site was discovered.

The saga began when Jose Teixeira, a local scuba diver, pulled up the two horn-shaped encrusted amphoras hearing that fishermen had snagged some jugs in their nets.

Tests conducted by the Smithsonian Institution in Washington on behalf of Brazilian authorities dated the amphoras to a

general period within a few centuries either way of the birth of Jesus.

Further examination of the vessels and comparison by Marx and other experts against previously verified amphoras placed their origin in the 2nd century B.C. and suggested that they were made in Roman-occupied Carthage on the North African coast.

Marx showed an interviewer a letter from a prominent archaeologist (who requested anonymity), attesting to this view and expressing deep excitement over the find. Marx says the area is covered with amphoras, which he calls "the five-gallon jerrycans of the Roman empire," used as containers for everything from water to grain.

Initially, Marx doubted that the jugs signified much, noting that many ancient objects found in the Americas were brought over in

later periods. Others were wrongly labeled as ancient or were even the result of hoaxes.

And, he said, "so-called Brazilian authorities assured me that there was nothing to it, that I should forget the whole thing."

In fact, some Brazilian archaeologists and government officials still dispute the theory that the amphoras were brought to the area before the period of Columbus' voyages of discovery.

Marx contends that this reluctance is based on bureaucratic lassitude and the local authorities' embarrassment over their inability to excavate the site. He also accuses the Brazilians of a misplaced nationalistic pride in the alleged discovery of the country by Portuguese navigator Pedro Alvares Cabral in 1500. The Portuguese left a strong colonial imprint, including their language.

Scientists want to ditch Ariane

By Robin McKie

LONDON (LOS) — European scientists want to ditch the Ariane rocket developed by their own space agency and use an American rocket instead to launch their next satellite, the orbiting observatory, Exosat. They say it will be cheaper, more reliable and will involve less delay than Ariane.

The move would badly damage Europe's prestige as a space power — already dented by the last failure of the Ariane which crashed into the Atlantic in September. It was the second failure in the first five launches of the mainly French-built rocket which has so far cost more than \$1.5 billion to develop.

The crash, caused by a breakdown in a third-stage engine, has delayed until June the Exosat launch originally planned for next month. "The trouble is we could easily have further delays on top of that," said British delegate to the European Space Agency, Professor Ken Pounds.

At the moment, the satellite is just lying about with its delicate instruments facing decay and damage. Its work — measuring X-rays from violent and exotic stars and galaxies — is really important and must be started as soon as possible.

Delegates from Britain, Germany and Holland have urged ESA's science policy committee to consider using a U.S. Thor-Delta rocket instead. This would cost \$8 million less to launch, could be put up by March and would have a higher chance of success, say some delegates.

The move, to be discussed this month, will be forcefully opposed by Arianespace, the company set up by ESA to market Ariane as a business satellite launcher. It will fight what it sees as a highly dangerous defection that could seriously affect its commercial prospects.

But the company is facing another serious problem. The launch of Exosat requires and mired Ariane fourth stage booster. That will only increase the chances of another failure — one that would bring the rocket's crash record to an alarming 50 percent.

Such a poor success rate would further erode Europe's already diminishing hopes of becoming a new space power in the near future. As a result Arianespace may welcome a chance to get rid of a risky enterprise and settle for a series of less demanding business satellite launches in a bid to re-polish its tarnished image.

Either way, Europe stands to lose a great deal over the issue. Given that Europe hoped to take over more than a third of the West's satellite launches by 1985, its plans for space are having great difficulty in getting off the ground.

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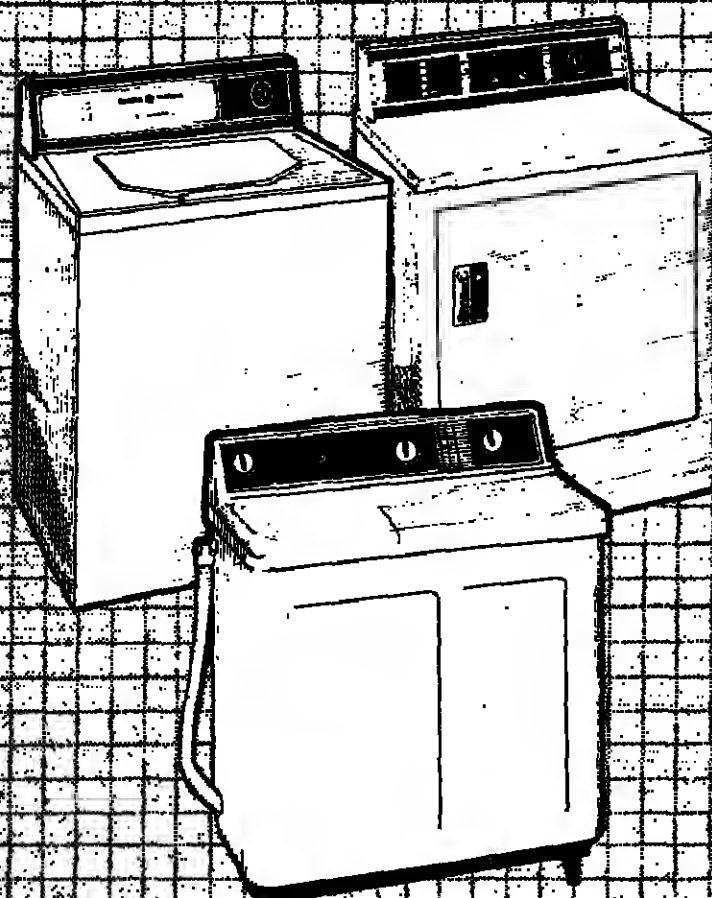
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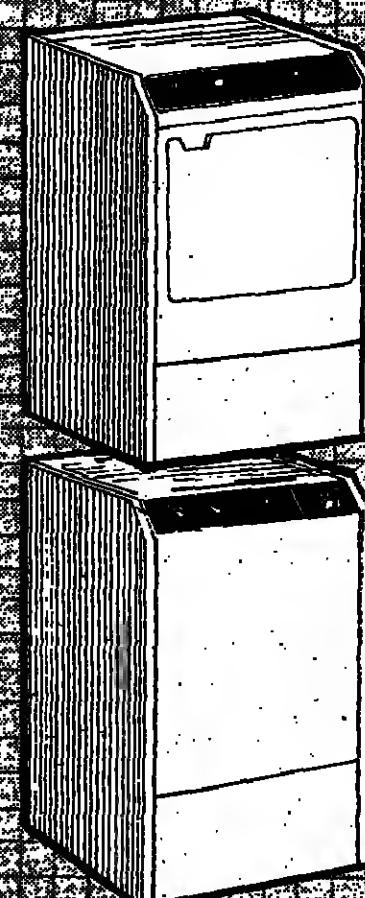
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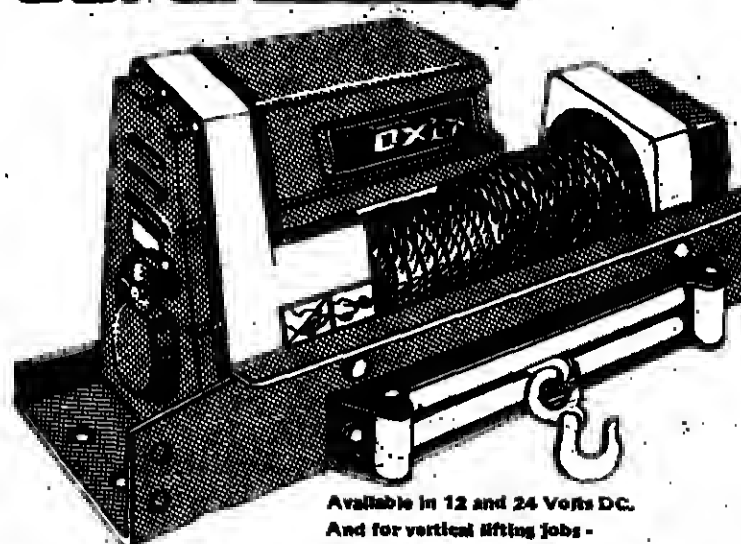
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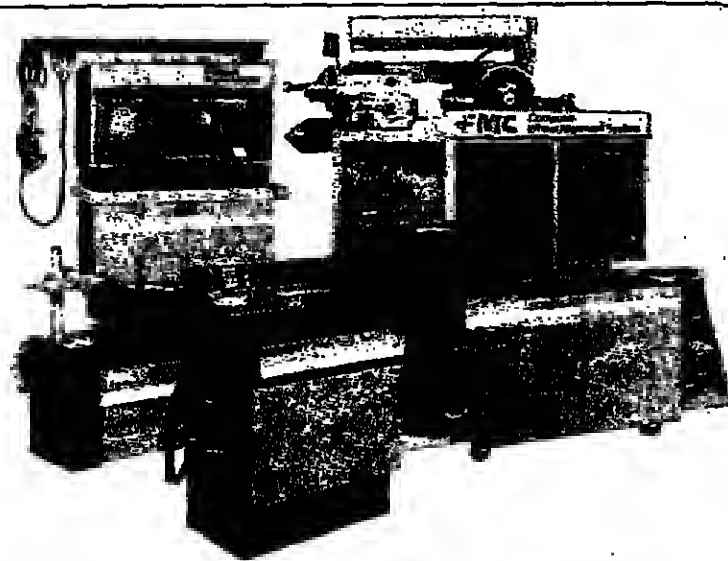
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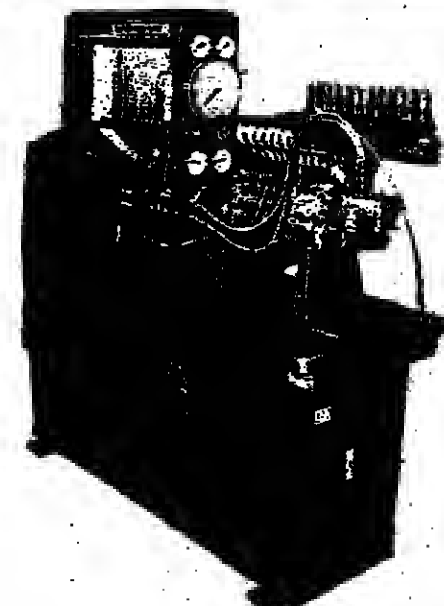


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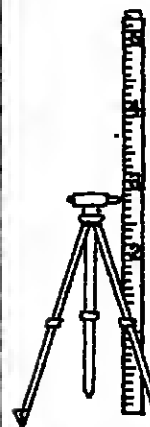
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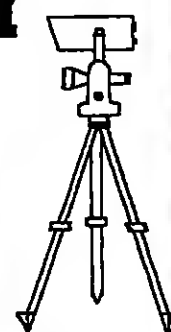
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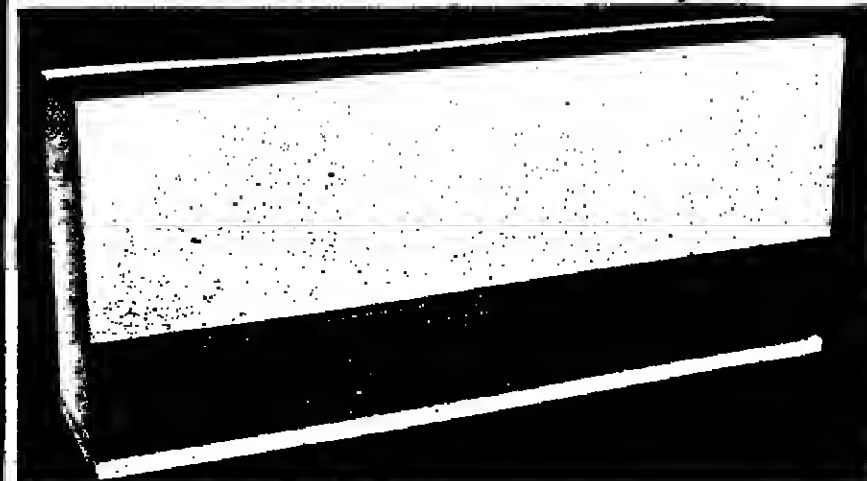
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